

# SENATE BILL REPORT

## 2SHB 2061

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As Reported By Senate Committee On:  
Higher Education, March 31, 1999

**Title:** An act relating to higher education, but only with respect to tuition and fees at community colleges and residency requirements.

**Brief Description:** Changing community college provisions.

**Sponsors:** House Committee on Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives Kenney, Dunn, Lantz, Veloria and Carlson).

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:** Higher Education: 3/29/99, 3/31/99 [DP].

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### SENATE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION

**Majority Report:** Do pass.

Signed by Senators Kohl-Welles, Chair; Shin, Vice Chair; Finkbeiner, Horn, Jacobsen, McAuliffe, Sheahan and B. Sheldon.

**Staff:** Jean Six (786-7423)

**Background:** Under current statutes, college students who enroll for fewer than two credits are charged the tuition and services and activities fee for two credits.

**Summary of Bill:** The two credit minimum tuition and fee requirement is eliminated for community college students.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Available on original bill.

**Effective Date:** Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

**Testimony For:** A barrier to improving workplace skills is eliminated. The two credit minimum is in the way of WorkFirst; it is also a fairness issue. The residency study will happen with or without legislation.

**Testimony Against:** None.

**Testified:** PRO: Representative Phyllis Kenney, prime sponsor; Jan Yoshiwara, SBCTC.