

1661-S2

Sponsor(s): House Committee on Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives Edmonds, Carlson, Kenney, Kagi, Esser, Wood, Lantz and Ogden)

Brief Title: Creating Washington scholars-alternates awards.

**HB 1661-S2 - DIGEST**

(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Directs the higher education coordinating board to establish rules that provide for the annual awarding of grants, if moneys are available, to three Washington scholars per legislative district; and, if not used by an original recipient, to Washington scholars-alternate from the same legislative district.

Finds that approximately thirty-five percent of the recipients of the Washington scholars award under RCW 28A.600.100 through 28A.600.150 choose to enroll in an out-of-state college and therefore do not use the grants that would have been available to them under RCW 28B.80.245 had they chosen to attend a college or university in the state of Washington.

Declares an intent to require high school seniors who are announced as recipients of the Washington scholars award to demonstrate in a timely manner that they will be using any grants they may receive with their awards to enroll in a college or university in Washington state during the fall term of the same year in which they receive the award. Any grants not used by initial recipients should be awarded to alternate recipients who must also demonstrate in a timely manner that they will be using their grants to enroll in a Washington college or university in Washington state during the fall term.