

1244-S

Sponsor(s): House Committee on Higher Education (originally sponsored by Representatives Kenney, Cox, Kagi, Tokuda, Gombosky, Morell, Fromhold, Van Luven, Keiser, Benson, Quall, Delvin, Doumit, Lantz, Wood, McIntire, Cooper, Simpson, Veloria, Lovick, Conway, Kessler, D. Schmidt, Lambert, O'Brien, Schual-Berke, Edwards, Darneille, Edmonds and Haigh)

Brief Description: Creating the foster care endowed scholarship program.

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(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Finds that children who grow up in the foster care system face many financial challenges. The legislature also finds that these financial challenges can discourage or prevent these children from pursuing a higher education.

Finds that access to a higher education will give children who are in foster care hope for the future.

Finds that financial assistance will help these children become successful, productive, contributing citizens and avoid cycles of abuse, poverty, violence, and delinquency.

Appropriates the sum of one hundred fifty thousand dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, from the general fund to the higher education coordinating board for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2002, to carry out the purposes of this act.