

E2SSB 5135 - H COMM AMD
By Committee on Higher Education

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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 28B.10
4 RCW to read as follows:

5 (1) Each four-year institution of higher education and the state
6 board for community and technical colleges shall develop policies that
7 ensure undergraduate students enrolled in degree or certificate
8 programs complete their programs in a timely manner in order to make
9 the most efficient use of instructional resources and provide capacity
10 within the institution for additional students.

11 (2) Policies adopted under this section shall address, but not be
12 limited to, undergraduate students in the following circumstances:

13 (a) Students who accumulate more than one hundred twenty-five
14 percent of the number of credits required to complete their respective
15 baccalaureate or associate degree or certificate programs;

16 (b) Students who drop more than twenty-five percent of their course
17 load before the grading period for the quarter or semester, which
18 prevents efficient use of instructional resources; and

19 (c) Students who remain on academic probation for more than one
20 quarter or semester.

21 (3) Policies adopted under this section may include assessment by
22 the institution of a surcharge in addition to regular tuition and fees
23 to be paid by a student for continued enrollment.

24 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) Each public four-year institution of
25 higher education and the state board for community and technical
26 colleges shall report to the higher education coordinating board by
27 January 30, 2004, on the policies developed under section 1 of this
28 act. The report shall include baseline data on the number and

1 characteristics of students affected by the policies. If the policies
2 were adopted before the effective date of this section, the report
3 shall describe the impact of the policies.

4 (2) In the report, each four-year institution shall also describe
5 policies developed and actions taken by the institution to eliminate
6 barriers to timely completion of degree programs, including reducing
7 the occasions where students cannot enroll in courses needed for their
8 major due to overenrollment. The state board may select a sample of
9 colleges to describe policies and actions to address course scheduling
10 issues.

11 (3) The higher education coordinating board shall summarize the
12 reports from the institutions and the state board and make a report to
13 the higher education committees of the legislature by March 1, 2004.
14 The report prepared by the higher education coordinating board shall
15 include recommendations for additional legislative action, including
16 whether increased tuition and fees should be uniformly charged to
17 students as an additional incentive for timely completion of degree and
18 certificate programs."

19 Correct the title.

EFFECT: Rather than requiring undergraduate students with more
than 125 percent of the credits required for a degree to pay increased
tuition, requires each four-year institution and the SBCTC to develop
policies ensuring students complete degree programs in a timely manner.
The policies must address students who: (a) Accumulate more than 125
percent of credits; (b) drop more than 25 percent of their class load
during a term; and (c) are on academic probation for longer than one
term. An institution may assess a surcharge for continued enrollment.

Institutions and the SBCTC report to the HECB by January 30, 2004,
on the policies developed, including baseline data on students
affected. The report also describes steps taken by the institution to
improve the efficiency of course scheduling. The HECB summarizes the
reports and makes a report to the Higher Education Committees of the
Legislature by March 1, 2004, including recommendations for whether
increased tuition should be uniformly charged to students as an
additional incentive for timely completion of degrees.

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