
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1986

State of Washington

59th Legislature

2006 Regular Session

By House Committee on Higher Education & Workforce Education
(originally sponsored by Representatives Roberts, Buri, Kenney, Cox
and Morrell)

READ FIRST TIME 01/24/06.

1 AN ACT Relating to reviewing and prioritizing tuition waivers; and
2 creating new sections.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that over time,
5 numerous tuition waiver statutes have been enacted that allow the
6 state's institutions of higher education to waive all or a portion of
7 tuition for certain eligible students. The legislature finds further
8 that the compilation of waiver statutes may create the unintended
9 consequences of confusion or competition in their application. The
10 legislature also finds that insofar as tuition waivers have a fiscal
11 impact to the state general fund and to the institutions of higher
12 education, it is in the best interests of the state to undertake a
13 periodic review of tuition waiver statutes in order to examine whether
14 the various waivers are still consistent with the state's priorities in
15 serving its citizens.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The higher education coordinating board
17 shall review the current waivers at the state's institutions of higher
18 education and develop recommendations for prioritization of waiver

1 authority. The board shall report to the appropriate committees of the
2 legislature by December 1, 2006, on recommendations for prioritization,
3 including repeal, consolidation, standardization, or other changes to
4 current statutes.

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