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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, 2005, on recommendations for prioritization,  
3 including repeal, consolidation, standardization, or other changes to  
4 current statutes.

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