
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6073

State of Washington

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By Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Kohl-Welles, Pridemore, McAuliffe, Weinstein, Brown, Kline and Jacobsen)

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1 AN ACT Relating to encouraging institutions of higher education to
2 conduct comprehensive reviews of admission applications; and creating
3 new sections.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature recognizes that the presence
6 of a diverse learning environment helps students acquire the skills
7 needed to live and work successfully in our increasingly diverse
8 society. The United States supreme court and the Washington supreme
9 court have recognized the benefits of such educational diversity in a
10 student body as a compelling state interest as long as the means
11 employed to promote diversity are within narrowly tailored guidelines
12 that ensure that individuals are not unduly impacted. To ensure the
13 highest quality of education is provided at our universities and
14 colleges, they must have the ability to engage in a comprehensive
15 review of each applicant that includes all the positive qualities and
16 experiences an applicant possesses.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The boards of regents and boards of trustees

1 at research and comprehensive higher education institutions are
2 encouraged to establish policies on diversity in admissions and to
3 conduct comprehensive reviews of every application for admission.

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