

SB 6135 - DIGEST

Directs the governing board of each state four-year institution of higher education to develop and implement an off-campus housing quality assessment program. At a minimum this program must include the following elements: (1) Evaluation of the institution of higher education's responsibility and accountability for the impacts of off-campus housing on the communities in which that housing is located;

(2) Identification of assets and funding necessary to offset any detrimental impacts to the residential community caused by the institution of higher education's off-campus housing;

(3) A process for reviewing the safety and habitability of off-campus housing;

(4) Inventory and analysis of existing and projected off-campus housing needs that identifies the number of housing units necessary to manage projected student population growth;

(5) A review of available land and housing affordability for current and projected off-campus housing needs; and

(6) Analysis of the infrastructure necessary to maintain current and projected off-campus housing needs.

Requires the governing board of each state four-year institution of higher education to hold a public hearing at least biannually to discuss the institution's development and implementation of the off-campus housing quality assessment program. The president, of the institution of higher education holding the hearing, is required to attend.

Requires the governing board of each state four-year institution of higher education to establish procedures providing for early and continuous public participation in the development and amendment of the off-campus housing quality assessment program.

Requires the off-campus housing quality assessment program to be submitted by the governing board of each state four-year institution of higher education to the department in accordance with the scheduled update, provided in RCW 36.70A.130.