

**SHB 3329 - H AMD 1142**

By Representative Fromhold

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1           On page 4, line 33, after "**Sec. 3.**" strike all material through  
2 "means." on page 5, line 22 and insert the following:

3           "The office of financial management shall submit a higher  
4 education capital facility financing study to the governor and the  
5 appropriate legislative fiscal committees by December 1, 2008. In  
6 designing and conducting the study, the office of financial  
7 management shall consult with legislative and fiscal committee  
8 leadership, the department of revenue, the state investment board,  
9 the higher education coordinating board, the state board for  
10 community and technical colleges, and the public four-year  
11 institutions of higher education. The study must include:

12           (1) A review of the methods that are used to fund higher  
13 education facility expansion and improvements in other states, with  
14 particular emphasis on Washington's global challenge states, and  
15 the relative portions of such expenditures that are borne by  
16 students, state taxpayers, federal grants, and private contributions;

17           (2) An examination of alternatives for reducing facility  
18 construction and maintenance expenditures per student through  
19 strategies such as expansion of distance learning opportunities,  
20 increased scheduling of classes during evenings and weekends, the  
21 establishment of expected cost benchmarks by facility type, and  
22 other means; and

23           (3) An assessment of the strengths and weaknesses of potential  
24 new revenue sources that might be applied to the funding of higher  
25 education facilities. These alternative sources must include, but  
26 not be limited to, adjusting student fees to support a larger share  
27 of the cost of such facilities, bonding against student fee  
28 revenues, utilizing local tax revenues to support local higher  
29 education capital needs, promoting business participation in the  
30 financing of programs strongly linked to area economic development,  
31 and other means."

**EFFECT:** The Office of Financial Management is required to conduct and submit the higher education capital facility financing study to the Governor and Legislature. In designing and conducting the study, the Office of Financial Management must consult with legislative and fiscal committee leadership, the Department of Revenue, the State Investment Board, the Higher Education Coordinating Board, the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges, and the public four-year institutions of higher education.