

SSB 5734 - H AMD TO WAYS COMM AMD (H-3287.1) **771**

By Representative Wallace

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1 On page 2, after line 34 of the striking amendment, insert the
2 following:

3 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. (1) The higher education coordinating
4 board, in coordination with higher education stakeholders, shall
5 review options and make recommendations on a tuition policy that
6 allows flexibility, accessibility, and differentiation among
7 Washington's various public baccalaureate tuition rates.
8 Recommendations shall support the implementation of the strategic
9 master plan for higher education including consideration of policies
10 that address student access, equity, and academic quality.

11 (2) The board shall examine policies that couple higher tuition
12 with higher institutional need-based financial aid; differential
13 tuition rates based on family income; differential tuition rates
14 based on institutional mission, campus, credit hours, academic
15 program and delivery method; and policies that encourage
16 collaboration and coordination among institutions of higher
17 education and that facilitate co-enrollment among multiple
18 institutions, including enrollment in online learning courses.

19 (3) Each option shall be assessed in terms of administrative
20 feasibility, interactions with and implications for state and
21 federal financial aid tuition programs, and impacts on students of
22 different income levels.

23 (4) The board shall report its findings and recommendations to
24 the governor and to the appropriate committees of the legislature by
25 November 1, 2009."

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27 Correct the title.

EFFECT: Requires the HECB to convene a group of stakeholders to examine tuition policy. The HECB must examine the "high tuition, high aid" model and charging differential tuition based on income, institutional mission, academic program, credit load, and delivery method. The merit of these tuition policies must be assessed based on administrative feasibility, interactions with federal programs, and impacts on students. The HECB must report to the appropriate committees of the legislature by November 1, 2009.

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