

**SSB 5734** - H AMD TO WAYS COMM AMD (H-3287.1) **770**

By Representative Wallace

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

3 "(10) During the 2009-10 and 2010-11 academic years, institutions  
4 of higher education shall include information on their billing  
5 statements notifying students of tax credits available through the  
6 American opportunity tax credit provided in the American recovery and  
7 reinvestment act of 2009."

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9 **Sec. 2.** RCW 28B.15.068 and 2007 c 151 s 1 are each amended to  
10 read as follows:

11 (1) Beginning with the ~~((2007-08))~~ 2011-12 academic year and  
12 ending with the 2016-17 academic year, tuition fees charged to full-  
13 time resident undergraduate students may increase no greater than  
14 seven percent over the previous academic year in any institution of  
15 higher education. Annual reductions or increases in full-time tuition  
16 fees for resident undergraduate students shall be as provided in ~~((the~~  
17 ~~omnibus appropriations act))~~ RCW 28B.15.067, within the seven percent  
18 increase limit established in this section. To the extent that state  
19 appropriations combined with tuition and fee revenues are insufficient  
20 to achieve the total per-student funding goals established in  
21 subsection (2) of this section, the legislature may revisit state  
22 appropriations, authorized enrollment levels, and changes in tuition  
23 fees for any given fiscal year.

24 (2) The state shall adopt as its goal total per-student funding  
25 levels, from state appropriations plus tuition and fees, of at least  
26 the sixtieth percentile of total per-student funding at similar public  
27 institutions of higher education in the global challenge states. In

1 defining comparable per-student funding levels, the office of  
2 financial management shall adjust for regional cost-of-living  
3 differences; for differences in program offerings and in the relative  
4 mix of lower division, upper division, and graduate students; and for  
5 accounting and reporting differences among the comparison  
6 institutions. The office of financial management shall develop a  
7 funding trajectory for each four-year institution of higher education  
8 and for the community and technical college system as a whole that  
9 when combined with tuition and fees revenue allows the state to  
10 achieve its funding goal for each four-year institution and the  
11 community and technical college system as a whole no later than fiscal  
12 year 2017. The state shall not reduce enrollment levels below fiscal  
13 year 2007 budgeted levels in order to improve or alter the per-student  
14 funding amount at any four-year institution of higher education or the  
15 community and technical college system as a whole. The state  
16 recognizes that each four-year institution of higher education and the  
17 community and technical college system as a whole have different  
18 funding requirements to achieve desired performance levels, and that  
19 increases to the total per-student funding amount may need to exceed  
20 the minimum funding goal.

21 (3) By September 1st of each year beginning ~~((in))~~in 2008, the  
22 office of financial management shall report to the governor, the  
23 higher education coordinating board, and appropriate committees of the  
24 legislature with updated estimates of the total per-student funding  
25 level that represents the sixtieth percentile of funding for  
26 comparable institutions of higher education in the global challenge  
27 states, and the progress toward that goal that was made for each of  
28 the public institutions of higher education.

29 (4) As used in this section, "global challenge states" are the top  
30 performing states on the new economy index published by the  
31 progressive policy institute as of July 22, 2007. The new economy  
32 index ranks states on indicators of their potential to compete in the  
33 new economy. At least once every five years, the office of financial  
34 management shall determine if changes to the list of global challenge

1 states are appropriate. The office of financial management shall  
2 report its findings to the governor and the legislature."

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**EFFECT:** Requires institutions of higher education to notify  
students of tax credits available through the American  
Opportunity Tax credit. Removes the 7% annual tuition  
increase cap for resident undergraduate students for academic  
years 2009-10 and 2010-11. The cap is reinstated in 2011-12.

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