
SENATE BILL 6509

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By Senator Shin

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1 AN ACT Relating to modifying the budget recommendations developed
2 by the higher education coordinating board to include recommendations
3 on tuition and fees; and amending RCW 28B.76.210.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28B.76.210 and 2008 c 205 s 4 are each amended to read
6 as follows:

7 (1) The board shall collaborate with the four-year institutions
8 including the council of presidents, the community and technical
9 college system, and when appropriate the workforce training and
10 education coordinating board, the superintendent of public instruction,
11 and the independent higher educational institutions to identify budget
12 priorities and levels of funding for higher education, including the
13 two and four-year institutions of higher education and state financial
14 aid programs. It is the intent of the legislature that recommendations
15 from the board reflect not merely the sum of budget requests from
16 multiple institutions, but prioritized funding needs for the overall
17 system of higher education.

18 (2) By December of each odd-numbered year, the board shall

1 distribute guidelines which outline the board's fiscal priorities to
2 the institutions and the state board for community and technical
3 colleges.

4 (a) The institutions and the state board for community and
5 technical colleges shall submit an outline of their proposed operating
6 budgets to the board no later than July 1st of each even-numbered year.
7 Pursuant to guidelines developed by the board, operating budget
8 outlines submitted by the institutions and the state board for
9 community and technical colleges after January 1, 2007, shall include
10 all policy changes and enhancements that will be requested by the
11 institutions and the state board for community and technical colleges
12 in their respective biennial budget requests and shall include proposed
13 tuition and fee rates for the two-year period covered by the next
14 biennial operating budget. Operating budget outlines shall include a
15 description of each policy enhancement, the dollar amount requested,
16 and the fund source being requested.

17 (b) Capital budget outlines for the two-year institutions shall be
18 submitted by August 15th of each even-numbered year, and shall include
19 the prioritized ranking of the capital projects being requested, a
20 description of each capital project, and the amount and fund source
21 being requested.

22 (c) Capital budget outlines for the four-year institutions must be
23 submitted by August 15th of each even-numbered year, and must include:
24 The institutions' priority ranking of the project; the capital budget
25 category within which the project will be submitted to the office of
26 financial management in accordance with RCW 43.88D.010; a description
27 of each capital project; and the amount and fund source being
28 requested.

29 (d) The office of financial management shall reference these
30 reporting requirements in its budget instructions.

31 (3) The board shall review and evaluate the operating and capital
32 budget requests and proposed tuition and fee rates from four-year
33 institutions and the community and technical college system based on
34 how the requests align with the board's budget priorities, the missions
35 of the institutions, performance agreements adopted pursuant to RCW
36 28B.10.922, per-student funding goals developed pursuant to RCW
37 28B.15.068, and the statewide strategic master plan for higher
38 education under RCW 28B.76.200.

1 (4) The board shall submit recommendations on the proposed
2 operating budget and priorities to the office of financial management
3 by October 1st of each even-numbered year, and to the legislature by
4 January 1st of each odd-numbered year. The board's capital budget
5 recommendations for the community and technical college system and the
6 four-year institutions must be submitted to the office of financial
7 management by November 15th of each even-numbered year and to the
8 legislature by January 1st of each odd-numbered year. The board's
9 recommendations for the four-year institutions must include the
10 relative share of the higher education capital budget that the board
11 recommends be assigned to each project category, as defined in RCW
12 43.88D.010, and to minor works program and preservation.

13 (5) Institutions and the state board for community and technical
14 colleges shall submit any supplemental budget requests and revisions
15 and any proposed changes to tuition and fee rates to the board at the
16 same time they are submitted to the office of financial management.
17 The board shall submit recommendations on the proposed supplemental
18 budget requests and tuition and fee rates to the office of financial
19 management by November 1st and to the legislature by January 1st.

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