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By Senators Kohl-Welles, Frockt, Murray, McAuliffe, Fraser, Ranker, Kline, Conway, and Chase

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1 AN ACT Relating to state funding for the enrollments of the state's  
2 institutions of higher education; amending RCW 28B.10.776, 28B.10.778,  
3 28B.10.784, and 43.88C.010; creating a new section; and repealing RCW  
4 28B.10.780 and 28B.10.782.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that major  
7 technological, economic, and demographic changes have increased the  
8 demand for training and education to maintain a high quality,  
9 competitive work force, and a well-educated populace to meet the  
10 challenges of the twenty-first century. Therefore, the legislature  
11 finds that there is increasing demand for postsecondary educational  
12 opportunities for citizens of the state of Washington.

13 The legislature declares that the policy of the state of Washington  
14 is to improve the access to, and the quality of, this state's  
15 postsecondary educational system. The budgetary policy of the state is  
16 to provide a level of fiscal commitment to the state's postsecondary  
17 educational system commensurate with the responsibility of the state to  
18 the educational and professional improvement of its citizens and work  
19 force.

1       **Sec. 2.** RCW 28B.10.776 and 1993 sp.s. c 15 s 2 are each amended to  
2 read as follows:

3       It is the policy of the state of Washington that the (~~essential~~  
4 ~~requirements level~~) state budget (~~calculation~~) for institutions of  
5 higher education include enrollment levels necessary to (~~maintain, by~~  
6 ~~educational sector, the participation rate funded in the 1993 fiscal~~  
7 ~~year. The participation rate shall be based on the state's estimated~~  
8 ~~population ages seventeen and above by appropriate age groups~~) meet  
9 the demand for higher education in the state.

10       **Sec. 3.** RCW 28B.10.778 and 1993 sp.s. c 15 s 3 are each amended to  
11 read as follows:

12       (1) It is the policy of the state of Washington that(~~, for new~~  
13 ~~enrollments provided under RCW 28B.10.776, the essential requirements~~  
14 ~~level budget calculation for those enrollments shall~~) the state  
15 omnibus appropriations act must, each biennium, at a minimum, include  
16 a funding level per full-time equivalent student that is equal to the  
17 per-student rate assumed in the omnibus appropriations act for the last  
18 fiscal year of the previous biennium (~~for the instructional, primary~~  
19 ~~support, and library programs,~~) plus (~~an~~) inflation (~~factor. The~~  
20 ~~inflation factor should be equivalent to the inflation factor used to~~  
21 ~~calculate basic education in the common school system budget request~~  
22 ~~submitted by the governor~~).

23       (2) As used in this section, "inflation" means the percentage  
24 change in the implicit price deflator for personal consumption  
25 expenditures for the United States as published for the most recent  
26 twelve-month period by the bureau of economic analysis of the federal  
27 department of commerce.

28       **Sec. 4.** RCW 28B.10.784 and 2012 c 229 s 517 are each amended to  
29 read as follows:

30       The (~~participation rate~~) enrollment levels used to calculate  
31 (~~enrollment~~) state funding levels under RCW 28B.10.776 and  
32 (~~28B.10.782~~) 28B.10.778 shall be (~~based on~~) the fall enrollment  
33 reported in the higher education enrollment report as maintained by the  
34 (~~office of financial management, fall enrollment as reported in the~~  
35 ~~management information system of the state board for community and~~  
36 ~~technical colleges, and the corresponding fall population forecast by~~

1 ~~the office of financial management. Formal estimates of the state~~  
2 ~~participation rates and enrollment levels necessary to fulfill the~~  
3 ~~requirements of RCW 28B.10.776 and 28B.10.782 shall be determined by~~  
4 ~~the office of financial management)) caseload forecast council as part~~  
5 of its responsibility to develop and maintain student enrollment  
6 forecasts for colleges and universities under RCW 43.62.050. (~~Formal~~  
7 ~~estimates of~~) The state (~~(participation rates and~~) enrollment levels  
8 required by this section shall be based on procedures and standards  
9 established by a technical work group consisting of staff from the  
10 student achievement council, the public four-year institutions of  
11 higher education, the state board for community and technical colleges,  
12 the fiscal and higher education committees of the house of  
13 representatives and the senate, and the (~~office of financial~~  
14 ~~management. Formal estimates of the state participation rates and~~)  
15 caseload forecast council. The enrollment levels required by this  
16 section shall be submitted to the fiscal committees of the house of  
17 representatives and senate on or before November 15th (~~(of~~) each  
18 (~~(even-numbered~~) year. (~~(The student achievement council shall~~  
19 ~~periodically review the enrollment goals set forth in RCW 28B.10.776~~  
20 ~~and 28B.10.782 and submit recommendations concerning modification of~~  
21 ~~these goals to the governor and to the higher education committees of~~  
22 ~~the house of representatives and the senate.))~~

23 **Sec. 5.** RCW 43.88C.010 and 2012 c 217 s 3 are each amended to read  
24 as follows:

25 (1) The caseload forecast council is hereby created. The council  
26 shall consist of two individuals appointed by the governor and four  
27 individuals, one of whom is appointed by the chairperson of each of the  
28 two largest political caucuses in the senate and house of  
29 representatives. The chair of the council shall be selected from among  
30 the four caucus appointees. The council may select such other officers  
31 as the members deem necessary.

32 (2) The council shall employ a caseload forecast supervisor to  
33 supervise the preparation of all caseload forecasts. As used in this  
34 chapter, "supervisor" means the caseload forecast supervisor.

35 (3) Approval by an affirmative vote of at least five members of the  
36 council is required for any decisions regarding employment of the  
37 supervisor. Employment of the supervisor shall terminate after each

1 term of three years. At the end of the first year of each three-year  
2 term the council shall consider extension of the supervisor's term by  
3 one year. The council may fix the compensation of the supervisor. The  
4 supervisor shall employ staff sufficient to accomplish the purposes of  
5 this section.

6 (4) The caseload forecast council shall oversee the preparation of  
7 and approve, by an affirmative vote of at least four members, the  
8 official state caseload forecasts prepared under RCW 43.88C.020. If  
9 the council is unable to approve a forecast before a date required in  
10 RCW 43.88C.020, the supervisor shall submit the forecast without  
11 approval and the forecast shall have the same effect as if approved by  
12 the council.

13 (5) A councilmember who does not cast an affirmative vote for  
14 approval of the official caseload forecast may request, and the  
15 supervisor shall provide, an alternative forecast based on assumptions  
16 specified by the member.

17 (6) Members of the caseload forecast council shall serve without  
18 additional compensation but shall be reimbursed for travel expenses in  
19 accordance with RCW 44.04.120 while attending sessions of the council  
20 or on official business authorized by the council. Nonlegislative  
21 members of the council shall be reimbursed for travel expenses in  
22 accordance with RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.

23 (7) "Caseload," as used in this chapter, means:

24 (a) The number of persons expected to meet entitlement requirements  
25 and require the services of public assistance programs, state  
26 correctional institutions, state correctional noninstitutional  
27 supervision, state institutions for juvenile offenders, the common  
28 school system, long-term care, medical assistance, foster care, and  
29 adoption support;

30 (b) The number of students who are eligible for the Washington  
31 college bound scholarship program and are expected to attend an  
32 institution of higher education as defined in RCW 28B.92.030;

33 (c) The number of students expected to enroll in an institution of  
34 higher education as defined in RCW 28B.10.016 in order to calculate  
35 state funding as provided in RCW 28B.10.784.

36 (8) The caseload forecast council shall forecast the temporary  
37 assistance for needy families and the working connections child care  
38 programs as a courtesy.

1 (9) Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions  
2 provided in RCW 43.88.020 apply to this chapter.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** The following acts or parts of acts are each  
4 repealed:

5 (1) RCW 28B.10.780 (Budget calculation--Funding level) and 1993  
6 sp.s. c 15 s 4; and

7 (2) RCW 28B.10.782 (Budget calculation--Increased enrollment target  
8 level--Availability of information) and 1993 sp.s. c 15 s 5.

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