
SENATE BILL 5713

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By Senators Kohl-Welles, Bailey, Ranker, Hasegawa, Frockt, and Murray

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1 AN ACT Relating to self-supporting, fee-based programs at four-year
2 institutions of higher education; and adding a new section to chapter
3 28B.15 RCW.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 28B.15 RCW
6 to read as follows:

7 (1) When a decision is made to establish a new self-supporting,
8 fee-based degree program or change a degree program that is supported
9 by state funding to a program that is self-supporting and fee-based,
10 the governing boards of the state universities, regional universities,
11 and The Evergreen State College shall notify enrolled and prospective
12 students and undergraduate and graduate student government associations
13 at least six months before implementation with an estimate of tuition
14 and fees.

15 (2) The governing boards of the state universities, regional
16 universities, and The Evergreen State College shall each establish a
17 committee comprising of administrators, faculty, and students to create
18 criteria upon which to base decisions for moving state-supported degree
19 programs to self-supporting programs.

1 (a) Criteria to be considered must include, but not be limited to,
2 the following:

3 (i) Whether moving the program to a self-supporting program will
4 result in the loss of student financial aid;

5 (ii) Whether the program prepares students for careers in public
6 service, such as public health, nursing, and librarianship, among
7 others;

8 (iii) Whether the program is designed to serve professional
9 advancement, and serves students who are already employed and on a
10 career track; and

11 (iv) The median income in the field of preparation.

12 (b) The committee that creates the criteria for establishing self-
13 supporting, fee-based programs shall establish a process for moving
14 self-supporting, fee-based degree programs that do not meet the
15 criteria to programs that receive state funding.

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