

**ESSB 5954 - S AMD 466**

By Senators Frockt, Kohl-Welles

**NOT CONSIDERED**

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the  
2 following:

3

4 "Sec. 1. RCW 28B.15.031 and 2012 c 230 s 6 are each amended to  
5 read as follows:

6 (1) The term "operating fees" as used in this chapter shall  
7 include the fees, other than building fees, charged all students  
8 registering at the state's colleges and universities but shall not  
9 include fees for short courses, self-supporting degree credit  
10 programs and courses, marine station work, experimental station  
11 work, correspondence or extension courses, and individual  
12 instruction and student deposits or rentals, disciplinary and  
13 library fines, which colleges and universities shall have the right  
14 to impose, laboratory, gymnasium, health, technology and student  
15 activity fees, or fees, charges, rentals, and other income derived  
16 from any or all revenue producing lands, buildings and facilities of  
17 the colleges or universities heretofore or hereafter acquired,  
18 constructed or installed, including but not limited to income from  
19 rooms, dormitories, dining rooms, hospitals, infirmaries, housing or  
20 student activity buildings, vehicular parking facilities, land, or  
21 the appurtenances thereon, or such other special fees as may be  
22 established by any college or university board of trustees or  
23 regents from time to time. All moneys received as operating fees at  
24 any institution of higher education shall be deposited in a local  
25 account containing only operating fees revenue and related interest:  
26 PROVIDED, That (~~a minimum of five percent of operating fees shall~~  
27 ~~be retained by the four year institutions of higher education that~~

1 ~~increase tuition for resident undergraduate students above assumed~~  
2 ~~tuition increases in the omnibus appropriations act,~~) a minimum of  
3 four percent of operating fees shall be retained by four-year  
4 institutions of higher education (~~that do not increase tuition for~~  
5 ~~resident undergraduates above assumed increases in the omnibus~~  
6 ~~appropriations act,~~) and a minimum of three and one-half percent of  
7 operating fees shall be retained by the community and technical  
8 colleges for the purposes of RCW 28B.15.820. At least thirty percent  
9 of operating fees required to be retained by the four-year  
10 institutions for purposes of RCW 28B.15.820 shall be used only for  
11 the purposes of RCW 28B.15.820(10).

12 (2) In addition to the three and one-half percent of operating  
13 fees retained by the institutions under subsection (1) of this  
14 section, up to three percent of operating fees charged to students  
15 at community and technical colleges shall be transferred to the  
16 community and technical college innovation account for the  
17 implementation of the college board's strategic technology plan in  
18 RCW 28B.50.515. The percentage to be transferred to the community  
19 and technical college innovation account shall be determined by the  
20 college board each year but shall not exceed three percent of the  
21 operating fees collected each year.

22 (3) Local operating fee accounts shall not be subject to  
23 appropriation by the legislature but shall be subject to allotment  
24 procedures by budget program and fiscal year under chapter 43.88  
25 RCW.

26

27 **Sec. 2.** RCW 28B.15.066 and 2003 c 232 s 3 are each amended to  
28 read as follows:

29 (~~It is the intent of the legislature that:~~

30 ~~In making appropriations from the state's general fund to~~  
31 ~~institutions of higher education, each appropriation shall conform~~  
32 ~~to the following:~~

33 ~~(1) The appropriation shall not be reduced by the amount of~~  
34 ~~operating fees revenue estimated to be collected from students~~

1 ~~enrolled at the state-funded enrollment level specified in the~~  
2 ~~omnibus biennial operating appropriations act;~~

3 ~~(2) The appropriation shall not be reduced by the amount of~~  
4 ~~operating fees revenue collected from students enrolled above the~~  
5 ~~state-funded level specified in the omnibus biennial operating~~  
6 ~~appropriations act; and~~

7 ~~(3) The general fund state appropriation shall not be reduced by~~  
8 ~~the amount of operating fees revenue collected as a result of~~  
9 ~~waiving less operating fees revenue than the amounts authorized~~  
10 ~~under RCW 28B.15.910. State general fund appropriations shall not be~~  
11 ~~provided for revenue foregone as a result of or for waivers granted~~

12 ~~under RCW 28B.15.915.))~~ (1) Beginning with the 2015-2017 omnibus  
13 appropriations act, the legislature shall appropriate to the state  
14 board for community and technical colleges and to each of the four-  
15 year institutions of higher education an amount that is at least  
16 equal to the total state funds appropriated in the 2013-2015  
17 biennium and the net revenue loss from resident undergraduate  
18 tuition operating fees based on budgeted full-time equivalent  
19 enrollment received for the 2015-2017 fiscal biennium under RCW  
20 28B.15.067 (3) and (6). The net revenue loss shall be adjusted for  
21 inflation in subsequent biennia.

22 (2) As used in this section and RCW 28B.15.069, "inflation"  
23 shall be based on the consumer price index, using the official  
24 current base, compiled by the bureau of labor statistics, United  
25 States department of labor for the state of Washington. If the  
26 bureau of labor statistics develops more than one consumer price  
27 index for areas within the state, the index covering the greatest  
28 number of people and covering areas exclusively within the  
29 boundaries of the state shall be used.

30 **Sec. 3.** RCW 28B.15.067 and 2015 c 55 s 211 are each amended to read  
31 as follows:

32 (1) Tuition fees shall be established under the provisions of this  
33 chapter.

34

1 (2) Beginning in the 2011-12 academic year and through the 2014-15  
2 academic year, reductions or increases in full-time tuition fees  
3 shall be as provided in the omnibus appropriations act for resident  
4 undergraduate students at community and technical colleges.

5 (3) Beginning in the 2015-16 academic year, full-time tuition  
6 operating fees for resident undergraduates at community and  
7 technical colleges shall be reduced by five percent from the 2014-15  
8 tuition operating fee amounts.

9 (4) The governing boards of the state universities, regional  
10 universities, and The Evergreen State College; and the state board  
11 for community and technical colleges may reduce or increase full-  
12 time tuition fees for all students other than resident  
13 undergraduates, including nonresident students, summer school  
14 students, and students in other self-supporting degree programs.  
15 Percentage increases in full-time tuition may exceed the fiscal  
16 growth factor. Except during the 2013-2015 fiscal biennium, the  
17 state board for community and technical colleges may pilot or  
18 institute differential tuition models. The board may define scale,  
19 scope, and rationale for the models.

20 ~~((+3))~~ (5)(a) Beginning with the 2011-12 academic year and  
21 through the end of the 2014-15 academic year, the governing boards  
22 of the state universities, the regional universities, and The  
23 Evergreen State College may reduce or increase full-time tuition  
24 fees for all students, including summer school students and students  
25 in other self-supporting degree programs. Percentage increases in  
26 full-time tuition fees may exceed the fiscal growth factor.  
27 Reductions or increases may be made for all or portions of an  
28 institution's programs, campuses, courses, or students; however,  
29 during the 2013-2015 fiscal biennium, reductions or increases in  
30 tuition must be uniform among resident undergraduate students.

31 (b) Prior to reducing or increasing tuition for each academic  
32 year, the governing boards of the state universities, the regional  
33 universities, and The Evergreen State College shall consult with  
34 existing student associations or organizations with student

1 undergraduate and graduate representatives regarding the impacts of  
2 potential tuition increases. Each governing board shall make public  
3 its proposal for tuition and fee increases twenty-one days before  
4 the governing board of the institution considers adoption and allow  
5 opportunity for public comment. However, the requirement to make  
6 public a proposal for tuition and fee increases twenty-one days  
7 before the governing board considers adoption shall not apply if the  
8 omnibus appropriations act has not passed the legislature by May  
9 15th. Governing boards shall be required to provide data regarding  
10 the percentage of students receiving financial aid, the sources of  
11 aid, and the percentage of total costs of attendance paid for by  
12 aid.

13 (c) Prior to reducing or increasing tuition for each academic  
14 year, the state board for community and technical college system  
15 shall consult with existing student associations or organizations  
16 with undergraduate student representation regarding the impacts of  
17 potential tuition increases. The state board for community and  
18 technical colleges shall provide data regarding the percentage of  
19 students receiving financial aid, the sources of aid, and the  
20 percentage of total costs of attendance paid for by aid.

21 ~~((4) Beginning with))~~ (6) In the 2015-16 academic year  
22 ~~((through the 2018-19 academic year, the governing boards of the  
23 state universities, regional universities, and The Evergreen State  
24 College may set tuition for resident undergraduates as follows:~~

25 ~~(a) If state funding for a college or university falls below the  
26 state funding provided in the operating budget for fiscal year 2011,  
27 the governing board may increase tuition up to the limits set in (d)  
28 of this subsection, reduce enrollments, or both;~~

29 ~~(b) If state funding for a college or university is at least at  
30 the level of state funding provided in the operating budget for  
31 fiscal year 2011, the governing board may increase tuition up to the  
32 limits set in (d) of this subsection and shall continue to at least  
33 maintain the actual enrollment levels for fiscal year 2011 or  
34 increase enrollments as required in the omnibus appropriations act;~~

1 ~~(c) If state funding is increased so that combined with resident~~  
2 ~~undergraduate tuition the sixtieth percentile of the total per-~~  
3 ~~student funding at similar public institutions of higher education~~  
4 ~~in the global challenge states under RCW 28B.15.068 is exceeded, the~~  
5 ~~governing board shall decrease tuition by the amount needed for the~~  
6 ~~total per student funding to be at the sixtieth percentile under RCW~~  
7 ~~28B.15.068; and~~

8 ~~(d) The amount of tuition set by the governing board for an~~  
9 ~~institution under this subsection (4) may not exceed the sixtieth~~  
10 ~~percentile of the resident undergraduate tuition of similar public~~  
11 ~~institutions of higher education in the global challenge states.~~

12 ~~—(5))~~, full-time tuition operating fees for resident  
13 undergraduates at state universities, regional universities, and The  
14 Evergreen State College shall be reduced by five percent from the  
15 2014-15 tuition operating fee amounts.

16 (7) The tuition fees established under this chapter shall not  
17 apply to high school students enrolling in participating institutions  
18 of higher education under RCW 28A.600.300 through 28A.600.400.

19 ~~((+6))~~ (8) The tuition fees established under this chapter  
20 shall not apply to eligible students enrolling in a dropout  
21 reengagement program through an interlocal agreement between a  
22 school district and a community or technical college under RCW  
23 28A.175.100 through 28A.175.110.

24 ~~((+7) Beginning in the 2019-20 academic year, reductions or~~  
25 ~~increases in full time tuition fees for resident undergraduates at~~  
26 ~~four-year institutions of higher education shall be as provided in~~  
27 ~~the omnibus appropriations act.~~

28 ~~(+8))~~ (9) The legislative advisory committee to the committee on  
29 advanced tuition payment established in RCW 28B.95.170 shall:

30 (a) Review the impact of differential tuition rates on the  
31 funded status and future unit price of the Washington advanced  
32 college tuition payment program; and

33 (b) No later than January 14, 2013, make a recommendation to the  
34 appropriate policy and fiscal committees of the legislature

1 regarding how differential tuition should be addressed in order to  
2 maintain the ongoing solvency of the Washington advanced college  
3 tuition payment program.

4 (10) As a result of any changes in tuition under section 3,  
5 chapter . . . , Laws of 2015 1st sp. sess. (this section), the  
6 governing boards of the state universities, the regional  
7 universities, and The Evergreen State College shall not reduce  
8 resident undergraduate enrollment below the 2014-15 academic year  
9 levels.

10

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** A new section is added to chapter 28B.92  
12 RCW to read as follows:

13 Beginning with the 2015-2017 omnibus appropriations act and each  
14 biennium thereafter, reductions in tuition levels resulting from  
15 section 3, chapter . . . , Laws of 2015 1st sp. sess. (section 3 of  
16 this act) will allow the legislature to use savings from reduced  
17 state need grant and college bound awards to serve additional  
18 students who are eligible but did not receive a state need grant  
19 award.

20

21 **Sec. 5.** RCW 28B.15.069 and 2015 c 55 s 212 are each amended to  
22 read as follows:

23 (1) The building fee for each academic year shall be a percentage of  
24 total tuition fees. This percentage shall be calculated by the office  
25 of financial management and be based on the actual percentage the  
26 building fee is of total tuition for each tuition category in the  
27 1994-95 academic year, rounded up to the nearest half percent. After  
28 the effective date of this section, the dollar value of the building  
29 fee shall not be reduced below the level in the 2014-15 academic year  
30 adjusted for inflation. As used in this subsection, "inflation" has  
31 the meaning in RCW 28B.15.066(2).

32 (2) The governing boards of each institution of higher  
33 education((~~7~~)) shall charge to and collect from each student a  
34 services and activities fee. A governing board may increase the

1 existing fee annually, consistent with budgeting procedures set  
2 forth in RCW 28B.15.045, by a percentage not to exceed the annual  
3 percentage increase in student tuition fees for resident  
4 undergraduate students: PROVIDED, That such percentage increase  
5 shall not apply to that portion of the services and activities fee  
6 previously committed to the repayment of bonded debt. These rate  
7 adjustments may exceed the fiscal growth factor. For the 2013-2015  
8 fiscal biennium, each governing board is authorized to increase the  
9 services and activities fees by amounts judged reasonable and  
10 necessary by the services and activities fee committee and the  
11 governing board consistent with the budgeting procedures set forth  
12 in RCW 28B.15.045. The services and activities fee committee  
13 provided for in RCW 28B.15.045 may initiate a request to the  
14 governing board for a fee increase.

15 (3) Tuition and services and activities fees consistent with  
16 subsection (2) of this section shall be set by the state board for  
17 community and technical colleges for community and technical college  
18 summer school students unless the college charges fees in accordance  
19 with RCW 28B.15.515.

20 (4) Subject to the limitations of RCW 28B.15.910, each governing  
21 board of a community or technical college may charge such fees for  
22 ungraded courses, noncredit courses, community services courses, and  
23 self-supporting courses as it, in its discretion, may determine,  
24 consistent with the rules of the state board for community and  
25 technical colleges.

26 (5) The governing board of a college offering an applied  
27 baccalaureate degree program under RCW 28B.50.810 may charge tuition  
28 fees for those courses above the associate degree level at rates  
29 consistent with rules adopted by the state board for community and  
30 technical colleges, not to exceed tuition fee rates at the regional  
31 universities.

32

33 **Sec. 6.** RCW 28B.95.020 and 2012 c 229 s 606 are each reenacted  
34 and amended to read as follows:



1 The definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter,  
2 unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

3 (1) "Academic year" means the regular nine-month, three-quarter,  
4 or two-semester period annually occurring between August 1st and  
5 July 31st.

6 (2) "Account" means the Washington advanced college tuition  
7 payment program account established for the deposit of all money  
8 received by the office from eligible purchasers and interest  
9 earnings on investments of funds in the account, as well as for all  
10 expenditures on behalf of eligible beneficiaries for the redemption  
11 of tuition units and for the development of any authorized college  
12 savings program pursuant to RCW 28B.95.150.

13 (3) "Committee on advanced tuition payment" or "committee" means  
14 a committee of the following members: The state treasurer, the  
15 director of the office of financial management, the director of the  
16 office, or their designees, and two members to be appointed by the  
17 governor, one representing program participants and one private  
18 business representative with marketing, public relations, or  
19 financial expertise.

20 (4) "Contractual obligation" means a legally binding contract of  
21 the state with the purchaser and the beneficiary establishing that  
22 purchases of tuition units will be worth the same number of tuition  
23 units at the time of redemption as they were worth at the time of  
24 the purchase, except as provided in RCW 28B.95.030(7).

25 (5) "Eligible beneficiary" means the person for whom the tuition  
26 unit will be redeemed for attendance at an institution of higher  
27 education. The beneficiary is that person named by the purchaser at  
28 the time that a tuition unit contract is accepted by the governing  
29 body. Qualified organizations, as allowed under section 529 of the  
30 federal internal revenue code, purchasing tuition unit contracts as  
31 future scholarships need not designate a beneficiary at the time of  
32 purchase.

33 (6) "Eligible purchaser" means an individual or organization  
34 that has entered into a tuition unit contract with the governing

1 body for the purchase of tuition units for an eligible beneficiary.  
2 The state of Washington may be an eligible purchaser for purposes of  
3 purchasing tuition units to be held for granting Washington college  
4 bound scholarships.

5 (7) "Full-time tuition charges" means resident tuition charges  
6 at a state institution of higher education for enrollments between  
7 ten credits and eighteen credit hours per academic term.

8 (8) "Governing body" means the committee empowered by the  
9 legislature to administer the Washington advanced college tuition  
10 payment program.

11 (9) "Institution of higher education" means an institution that  
12 offers education beyond the secondary level and is recognized by the  
13 internal revenue service under chapter 529 of the internal revenue  
14 code.

15 (10) "Investment board" means the state investment board as  
16 defined in chapter 43.33A RCW.

17 (11) "Office" means the office of student financial assistance  
18 as defined in chapter 28B.76 RCW.

19 (12) "State institution of higher education" means institutions  
20 of higher education as defined in RCW 28B.10.016.

21 (13) "Tuition and fees" means undergraduate tuition and services  
22 and activities fees as defined in RCW 28B.15.020 and 28B.15.041  
23 rounded to the nearest whole dollar. For purposes of this chapter,  
24 services and activities fees do not include fees charged for the  
25 payment of bonds heretofore or hereafter issued for, or other  
26 indebtedness incurred to pay, all or part of the cost of acquiring,  
27 constructing, or installing any lands, buildings, or facilities.

28 (14) "Tuition unit contract" means a contract between an  
29 eligible purchaser and the governing body, or a successor agency  
30 appointed for administration of this chapter, for the purchase of  
31 tuition units for a specified beneficiary that may be redeemed at a  
32 later date for an equal number of tuition units, except as provided  
33 in RCW 28B.95.030(7).

34

1 (15) "Unit purchase price" means the minimum cost to purchase  
2 one tuition unit for an eligible beneficiary. Generally, the minimum  
3 purchase price is one percent of the undergraduate tuition and fees  
4 for the current year, rounded to the nearest whole dollar, adjusted  
5 for the costs of administration and adjusted to ensure the actuarial  
6 soundness of the account. The analysis for price setting shall also  
7 include, but not be limited to consideration of past and projected  
8 patterns of tuition increases, program liability, past and projected  
9 investment returns, and the need for a prudent stabilization  
10 reserve.

11  
12 **Sec. 7.** RCW 28B.95.030 and 2011 1st sp.s. c 12 s 2 and 2011 1st  
13 sp.s. c 11 s 170 are each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

14 (1) The Washington advanced college tuition payment program  
15 shall be administered by the committee on advanced tuition payment  
16 which shall be chaired by the director of the office. The committee  
17 shall be supported by staff of the office.

18 (2)(a) The Washington advanced college tuition payment program  
19 shall consist of the sale of tuition units, which may be redeemed by  
20 the beneficiary at a future date for an equal number of tuition  
21 units regardless of any increase in the price of tuition, that may  
22 have occurred in the interval, except as provided in subsection (7)  
23 of this section.

24 (b) Each purchase shall be worth a specific number of or  
25 fraction of tuition units at each state institution of higher  
26 education as determined by the governing body, except as provided in  
27 subsection (7) of this section.

28 (c) The number of tuition units necessary to pay for a full  
29 year's, full-time undergraduate tuition and fee charges at a state  
30 institution of higher education shall be set by the governing body  
31 at the time a purchaser enters into a tuition unit contract, except  
32 as provided in subsection (7) of this section.

33 (d) The governing body may limit the number of tuition units  
34 purchased by any one purchaser or on behalf of any one beneficiary,

1 however, no limit may be imposed that is less than that necessary to  
2 achieve four years of full-time, undergraduate tuition charges at a  
3 state institution of higher education. The governing body also may,  
4 at its discretion, limit the number of participants, if needed, to  
5 ensure the actuarial soundness and integrity of the program.

6 (e) While the Washington advanced college tuition payment  
7 program is designed to help all citizens of the state of Washington,  
8 the governing body may determine residency requirements for eligible  
9 purchasers and eligible beneficiaries to ensure the actuarial  
10 soundness and integrity of the program.

11 (3)(a) No tuition unit may be redeemed until two years after the  
12 purchase of the unit. Units may be redeemed for enrollment at any  
13 institution of higher education that is recognized by the internal  
14 revenue service under chapter 529 of the internal revenue code.

15 (b) Units redeemed at a nonstate institution of higher education  
16 or for graduate enrollment shall be redeemed at the rate for state  
17 public institutions in effect at the time of redemption.

18 (4) The governing body shall determine the conditions under  
19 which the tuition benefit may be transferred to another family  
20 member. In permitting such transfers, the governing body may not  
21 allow the tuition benefit to be bought, sold, bartered, or otherwise  
22 exchanged for goods and services by either the beneficiary or the  
23 purchaser.

24 (5) The governing body shall administer the Washington advanced  
25 college tuition payment program in a manner reasonably designed to  
26 be actuarially sound, such that the assets of the trust will be  
27 sufficient to defray the obligations of the trust including the  
28 costs of administration. The governing body may, at its discretion,  
29 discount the minimum purchase price for certain kinds of purchases  
30 such as those from families with young children, as long as the  
31 actuarial soundness of the account is not jeopardized.

32 (6) The governing body shall annually determine current value of  
33 a tuition unit.

34

1       (7) For the 2015-16 and 2016-17 academic years, the committee  
2 and the governing body shall make such one-time adjustments to all  
3 unredeemed tuition units purchased before the effective date of this  
4 section as may be necessary to ensure that the total payout value of  
5 each account at the effective date of this section is not decreased  
6 or diluted as a result of the initial application of any changes in  
7 tuition under section 3, chapter . . . , Laws of 2015 1st sp. sess.  
8 (section 3 of this act). The first notification to holders of  
9 tuition units after the adjustment in this subsection is made must  
10 include a statement concerning the adjustment. For accounts that are  
11 opened prior to the effective date of this section, the committee  
12 and the governing body shall make such adjustments to the number of  
13 tuition units that may be redeemed in one year as may be necessary  
14 to ensure that any change in tuition policy under section 3, chapter  
15 . . . , Laws of 2015 1st sp. sess. (section 3 of this act) does not  
16 result in the decrease of the dollar value of the maximum tuition  
17 units that may be used in any one year.

18       (8) The governing body shall promote, advertise, and publicize  
19 the Washington advanced college tuition payment program.

20       ~~((+8))~~ (9) In addition to any other powers conferred by this  
21 chapter, the governing body may:

22       (a) Impose reasonable limits on the number of tuition units or  
23 units that may be used in any one year;

24       (b) Determine and set any time limits, if necessary, for the use  
25 of benefits under this chapter;

26       (c) Impose and collect administrative fees and charges in  
27 connection with any transaction under this chapter;

28       (d) Appoint and use advisory committees and the state actuary as  
29 needed to provide program direction and guidance;

30       (e) Formulate and adopt all other policies and rules necessary  
31 for the efficient administration of the program;

32       (f) Consider the addition of an advanced payment program for  
33 room and board contracts and also consider a college savings  
34 program;

1 (g) Purchase insurance from insurers licensed to do business in  
2 the state, to provide for coverage against any loss in connection  
3 with the account's property, assets, or activities or to further  
4 insure the value of the tuition units;

5 (h) Make, execute, and deliver contracts, conveyances, and other  
6 instruments necessary to the exercise and discharge of its powers  
7 and duties under this chapter;

8 (i) Contract for the provision for all or part of the services  
9 necessary for the management and operation of the program with other  
10 state or nonstate entities authorized to do business in the state;

11 (j) Contract for other services or for goods needed by the  
12 governing body in the conduct of its business under this chapter;

13 (k) Contract with financial consultants, actuaries, auditors,  
14 and other consultants as necessary to carry out its responsibilities  
15 under this chapter;

16 (l) Solicit and accept cash donations and grants from any  
17 person, governmental agency, private business, or organization; and

18 (m) Perform all acts necessary and proper to carry out the  
19 duties and responsibilities of this program under this chapter.

20

21 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 8.** The sum of \$22,500,000 dollars is  
22 appropriated for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016 and the sum of  
23 \$22,500,000 dollars is appropriated for the fiscal year ending June  
24 30, 2017, from the general fund to the Student Achievement Council to  
25 provide state need grant awards to those students who are eligible but  
26 did not receive awards.

27

28 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 9.** The following acts or parts of acts are  
29 each repealed:

30 (1) RCW 28B.15.068 (Tuition fees increase limitations—State  
31 funding goals—Reports—"Global challenge states"—Notification of  
32 availability of American opportunity tax credit) and 2012 c 229 s  
33 525, 2012 c 229 s 524, 2011 1st sp.s. c 50 s 928, 2011 1st sp.s. c  
34 10 s 7, 2009 c 540 s 1, & 2007 c 151 s 1; and

1 (2) RCW 28B.15.102 (Institutional tuition increases—Financial  
2 aid offset—Reports—Resident first-year undergraduate enrollment at  
3 the University of Washington, Seattle campus) and 2014 c 162 s 1,  
4 2013 c 23 s 53, 2012 c 229 s 526, & 2011 1st sp.s. c 10 s 6.

5  
6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 10.** The Washington state institute for public  
7 policy shall study the impact of offering free tuition at the state's  
8 community and technical colleges. The purpose of this study is to  
9 determine to what extent free tuition will increase access and degree  
10 attainment for Washington students. This study shall include, but not  
11 be limited to, an evaluation of the potential impact on the following:  
12 (a) The demographics of students at the community and technical  
13 colleges, including, but not limited to, gender, race, and income; (b)  
14 the enrollment rates of low-income students and whether these students  
15 attend college full-time or part-time; (c) student persistence,  
16 performance, degree or certificate completion, and time to degree or  
17 certificate completion at the colleges; (d) the types of degrees and  
18 certifications at the colleges, by field of study; and (e) the state  
19 need grant program, the college bound scholarship program, and other  
20 state financial aid programs. A preliminary report of the findings  
21 shall be submitted to the governor and the appropriate committees of  
22 the legislature by December 1, 2015. A final report of the findings  
23 shall be submitted to the governor and the appropriate committees of  
24 the legislature by December 1, 2016. The preliminary report shall  
25 provide a review of other states that offer free tuition at their  
26 public institutions of higher education. The reports shall include  
27 recommendations for implementing free or reduced tuition at state  
28 community and technical colleges. The state board for community and  
29 technical colleges, the student achievement council, the education  
30 data center, and community and technical colleges shall cooperate with  
31 the Washington state institute for public policy in conducting this  
32 study and shall provide to the institute the necessary data and  
33 information to complete this study."

34

1 Renumber the remaining sections consecutively and correct any internal  
2 references accordingly.

3  
4 **ESSB 5954** - S AMD

5 By Senator Frockt and Kohl-Welles

6 On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "tuition;" strike the  
7 remainder of the title and insert "amending RCW 28B.15.031,  
8 28B.15.066, 28B.15.067, and 28B.15.069; reenacting and amending RCW  
9 28B.95.020 and 28B.95.030; adding a new section to chapter 28B.92  
10 RCW; creating new sections; repealing RCW 28B.15.068 and 28B.15.102;  
11 and making an appropriation."  
12

EFFECT: EFFECT:

- Removes tuition operating fee linkage to average wage.
- Reduces the tuition operating fee by five percent for all public institutions of higher education.
- Uses savings from lower State Need Grant and College Bound awards to buy down the State Need Grant waitlist (approximately 3,375 students per year).
- Holds private school State Need Grant awards harmless.
- Appropriates an additional \$45M to buy down additional State Need Grant waitlist (an additional 5,775 students per year for a total of approximately 9,150 students between the two steps).
- Directs the Washington State Institute of Public Policy to conduct a study on the impact of free tuition at the public community and technical colleges.

FISCAL IMPACT: None. Budget neutral from Senate budget.

--- END ---