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ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5133

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State of Washington

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By Senate Higher Education (originally sponsored by Senators Bailey, Baumgartner, Kohl-Welles, and Frockt)

READ FIRST TIME 02/18/15.

1 AN ACT Relating to a study of higher education costs; creating a  
2 new section; and providing an expiration date.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The joint legislative audit and review  
5 committee shall conduct a review of the available data on higher  
6 education costs at the state universities, regional universities, and  
7 The Evergreen State College.

8 (2)(a) The review must describe the available cost data for each  
9 institution and the available cost data for students over the most  
10 recent twenty-year period, including the cost of:

11 (i) Research;

12 (ii) Faculty and staff salaries;

13 (iii) Administration;

14 (iv) Health care and benefits;

15 (v) Capital;

16 (vi) Student services;

17 (vii) Textbooks; and

18 (viii) Student housing.

19 (b) The review must also compare whether this data is available  
20 for institutions and students in the global challenge states.

1           (c) The review shall use information already available and report  
2 where there are gaps in the information sought under this section.  
3 The education data center in the office of financial management and  
4 the institutions of higher education must provide data and staff  
5 support to the committee to assist with completing the review.

6           (3) The joint legislative audit and review committee shall issue  
7 a report to the legislature by January 2016.

8           (4) This section expires July 1, 2016.

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