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**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6587**

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**By** Senate Higher Education (originally sponsored by Senators Lias, Bailey, Frockt, Miloscia, and McAuliffe)

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1 AN ACT Relating to services and activities fees at institutions  
2 of higher education; and reenacting and amending RCW 28B.15.069.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28B.15.069 and 2015 3rd sp.s. c 36 s 5 and 2015 3rd  
5 sp.s. c 4 s 945 are each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

6 (1) The building fee for each academic year shall be a percentage  
7 of total tuition fees. This percentage shall be calculated by the  
8 office of financial management and be based on the actual percentage  
9 the building fee is of total tuition for each tuition category in the  
10 1994-95 academic year, rounded up to the nearest half percent. After  
11 October 9, 2015, the dollar value of the building fee shall not be  
12 reduced below the level in the 2014-15 academic year adjusted for  
13 inflation. As used in this subsection, "inflation" has the meaning in  
14 RCW 28B.15.066(2).

15 (2) The governing boards of each institution of higher education  
16 shall charge to and collect from each student a services and  
17 activities fee. A governing board may (~~increase~~) alter the existing  
18 fee annually, consistent with budgeting procedures set forth in RCW  
19 28B.15.045, (~~by a percentage not to exceed the annual percentage~~  
20 ~~increase in student tuition fees for resident undergraduate students:~~  
21 ~~PROVIDED, That such percentage increase shall not apply to that~~

1 ~~portion of the services and activities fee previously committed to~~  
2 ~~the repayment of bonded debt. These rate adjustments may exceed the~~  
3 ~~fiscal growth factor. For the 2015-2017 fiscal biennium, each~~  
4 ~~governing board is authorized to increase the services and activities~~  
5 ~~fees)) by amounts judged reasonable and necessary by the services and~~  
6 ~~activities fee committee and the governing board ((consistent with~~  
7 ~~the budgeting procedures set forth in RCW 28B.15.045)). The services~~  
8 ~~and activities fee committee provided for in RCW 28B.15.045 may~~  
9 ~~initiate a request to the governing board for a fee ((increase))~~  
10 alteration.

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

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

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

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