

SENATE RESOLUTION

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By Senators Frockt, Bailey, Miloscia, Nelson, Habib, and Baumgartner

1 WHEREAS, Five years ago this spring, the state of Washington
2 enacted RCW 28B.77.240, expanding access to affordable bachelor's and
3 master's degrees for Washington residents through the creation of
4 online, competency-based Western Governors University Washington (WGU
5 Washington); and

6 WHEREAS, WGU Washington offers high-quality, career-focused
7 degree programs in fields vital to the state's economy, including
8 business, health professions, teaching, and information technology;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, WGU Washington contributes to the Washington Student
11 Achievement Council's educational attainment goal of at least seventy
12 percent of Washington adults achieving a postsecondary credential by
13 2023; and

14 WHEREAS, WGU Washington has experienced an enrollment increase of
15 one thousand percent since 2011, growing to more than eight thousand
16 five hundred full-time students and making Washington home to more
17 WGU students than any other state in the nation; and

18 WHEREAS, WGU Washington has awarded more than five thousand one
19 hundred degrees to hard-working, motivated men and women, helping
20 develop the business leaders, nurses, teachers, and information
21 technology professionals needed to keep Washington's economy strong;
22 and

1 WHEREAS, WGU Washington is committed to helping Washingtonians
2 achieve their dreams for a university degree and career success;
3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate
4 honor the fifth anniversary of WGU Washington, and recognize its
5 important role in providing our state's population with high-quality
6 and career-focused education.

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