

SENATE RESOLUTION

8726

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

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  
2 Washingtonians achieve their dreams for a university degree and  
3 career success;

4       NOW,   THEREFORE,   BE   IT   RESOLVED,   That   the   Washington   State  
5 Senate honor the fifth anniversary of WGU Washington, and  
6 recognize its important role in providing our state's population  
7 with high-quality and career-focused education.

8   I, Hunter G. Goodman, Secretary of the Senate,  
9 do hereby certify that this is a true and  
10 correct copy of Senate Resolution 8726,  
11 adopted by the Senate  
12 February 23, 2016

13   HUNTER G. GOODMAN  
14   Secretary of the Senate