

**E2SHB 1736** - S AMD TO WM COMM AMD (S-5099.1/22) **1474**

By Senator Wilson, L.

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1 Beginning on page 1, line 27, after "(4)" strike all material  
2 through "RCW." on page 3, line 22 and insert "The legislature  
3 recognizes that the best way to make college more affordable and open  
4 up opportunities for all students is to lower tuition. Therefore, the  
5 legislature intends to support students pursuing higher education by  
6 reducing tuition at the public baccalaureate institutions by 25  
7 percent in the 2022-23 academic year and backfilling all revenue lost  
8 by the institutions with state appropriations.

9 **Sec. 2.** RCW 28B.15.066 and 2015 3rd sp.s. c 36 s 2 are each  
10 amended to read as follows:

11 (1) Beginning with the ((2015-2017)) 2022 supplemental omnibus  
12 appropriations act, the legislature shall appropriate to ((the state  
13 board for community and technical colleges and to)) each of the four-  
14 year institutions of higher education an amount that is at least  
15 equal to the total state funds appropriated in ((the 2013-2015))  
16 chapter 334, Laws of 2021 for the 2021-2023 fiscal biennium and the  
17 net revenue loss from resident undergraduate tuition operating fees  
18 based on ((budgeted)) state-funded full-time equivalent enrollment  
19 received for the ((2015-2017 fiscal biennium)) 2021-22 academic year  
20 under RCW 28B.15.067 ((-3) and (-6)) (2). The net revenue loss shall  
21 be adjusted for inflation in subsequent biennia.

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

30 **Sec. 3.** RCW 28B.15.067 and 2021 c 200 s 9 are each amended to  
31 read as follows:

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

3 (2) Tuition operating fees for resident undergraduates at  
4 institutions of higher education as defined in RCW 28B.10.016,  
5 excluding applied baccalaureate degrees as defined in RCW 28B.50.030,  
6 may increase by no more than the average annual percentage growth  
7 rate in the median hourly wage for Washington for the previous  
8 fourteen years as the wage is determined by the federal bureau of  
9 labor statistics.

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

21 (4) In the 2022-23 academic year, full-time tuition operating  
22 fees for resident undergraduates for state universities, regional  
23 universities, The Evergreen State College, and applied baccalaureate  
24 degrees as defined in RCW 28B.50.030 shall be 25 percent less than  
25 the 2021-22 academic year tuition operating fees.

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

29 ~~((5))~~ (6)(a) The tuition fees established under this chapter  
30 shall not apply to eligible students enrolling in a dropout  
31 reengagement program through an interlocal agreement between a school  
32 district and a community or technical college under RCW 28A.175.100  
33 through 28A.175.110.

34 (b) The tuition fees established under this chapter shall not  
35 apply to students incarcerated with the department of corrections who  
36 are participating in credit-eligible postsecondary education courses  
37 and degree programs when the program expenses are funded by  
38 nontuition resources such as, but not limited to, grants, contracts,  
39 and donations.

1        (~~(6)~~) (7) As a result of any changes in tuition under section  
2 3, chapter 36, Laws of 2015 3rd sp. sess., the governing boards of  
3 the state universities, the regional universities, and The Evergreen  
4 State College shall not reduce resident undergraduate enrollment  
5 below the 2014-15 academic year levels."

6        On page 3, beginning on line 23, after "1," strike "at the  
7 beginning of line 2 of the title, strike the remainder of the title  
8 and insert "and adding a new chapter to Title 28B RCW." and insert  
9 "line 1 of the title, after "to" strike the remainder of the title  
10 and insert "higher education affordability; amending RCW 28B.15.066  
11 and 28B.15.067; and creating a new section."

EFFECT: (1) Eliminates the requirement that WSAC, in consultation with the Office of the State Treasurer and the State Investment Board, prepare a report regarding the design and implementation of a state student loan program.

(2) Reduces tuition at the public four-year institutions of higher education by 25 percent and requires that the omnibus appropriations act provide an amount at least equal to the net revenue loss from the decrease in tuition, adjusted for inflation.

(3) Modifies the bill title.

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