

ESSB 5702 - H COMM AMD

By Committee on Appropriations

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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

3 **"Sec. 1.** RCW 28B.50.916 and 2021 c 62 s 1 are each amended to
4 read as follows:

5 (1) Subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for this
6 specific purpose, ~~((the college board shall select eight college
7 districts, with no less than four located outside of the Puget Sound
8 region to participate in a pilot))~~ each community and technical
9 college may implement a program to provide assistance to students
10 experiencing homelessness and to students who were in the foster care
11 system when they graduated high school. The ~~((college districts
12 chosen to participate in the pilot))~~ program must provide certain
13 accommodations to these students that may include, but are not
14 limited to, the following:

- 15 (a) Access to laundry facilities;
16 (b) Access to storage;
17 (c) Access to locker room and shower facilities;
18 (d) Reduced-price meals or meal plans, and access to food banks;
19 (e) Access to technology;
20 (f) Access to short-term housing or housing assistance,
21 especially during seasonal breaks; and
22 (g) Case management services.

23 (2) The ~~((college districts))~~ community and technical colleges
24 may also establish plans to develop surplus property for affordable
25 housing to accommodate the needs of students experiencing
26 homelessness and students who were in the foster care system when
27 they graduated high school.

28 (3) The ~~((college districts participating in the pilot program))~~
29 community and technical colleges shall leverage existing community
30 resources by making available to students in the ~~((pilot))~~ program
31 information that is available for individuals experiencing

1 homelessness, including through not-for-profit organizations, the
2 local housing authority, and the department of commerce's office of
3 homeless youth.

4 (4) The ~~((college districts))~~ community and technical colleges
5 participating in the ~~((pilot))~~ program shall annually provide a joint
6 report to the appropriate committees of the legislature ~~((by))~~ in
7 accordance with RCW 43.01.036 beginning December 1, 2023, that
8 includes at least the following information:

9 (a) The number of students experiencing homelessness or food
10 insecurity, and the number of students who were in the foster care
11 system when they graduated high school who ~~((were attending))~~
12 attended a community or technical college during the ~~((pilot))~~
13 program. The college board shall coordinate with all of the community
14 and technical colleges to collect voluntary data on how many students
15 experiencing homelessness or food insecurity are attending the
16 community and technical colleges;

17 (b) The number of students assisted by the ~~((pilot))~~ program;

18 (c) Strategies for accommodating students experiencing
19 homelessness or food insecurity, and former foster care students; and

20 (d) Legislative recommendations for how students experiencing
21 homelessness or food insecurity, and former foster care students
22 could be better served.

23 ~~((The college districts not selected to participate in the
24 pilot program are:~~

25 ~~(a) Invited to participate voluntarily; and~~

26 ~~(b) Encouraged to submit the data required of the pilot program
27 participants under subsection (4) of this section, regardless of
28 participation status.~~

29 ~~(6) The pilot program expires July 1, 2024.~~

30 ~~(7) This section expires January 1, 2025))~~ For purposes of this
31 section, "program" means the students experiencing homelessness and
32 foster youth program.

33 **Sec. 2.** RCW 28B.77.850 and 2021 c 62 s 2 are each amended to
34 read as follows:

35 (1) Subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for this
36 specific purpose, ~~((the council shall select four public four-year
37 institutions of higher education, two on each side of the crest of
38 the Cascade mountain range, to participate in a pilot))~~ each public
39 four-year institution of higher education may implement a program to

1 provide assistance to students experiencing homelessness and to
2 students who were in the foster care system when they graduated high
3 school. The (~~four-year institutions of higher education chosen to~~
4 ~~participate in the pilot~~) program must provide certain
5 accommodations to these students that may include, but are not
6 limited to, the following:

7 (a) Access to laundry facilities;

8 (b) Access to storage;

9 (c) Access to locker room and shower facilities;

10 (d) Reduced-price meals or meal plans, and access to food banks;

11 (e) Access to technology;

12 (f) Access to short-term housing or housing assistance,
13 especially during seasonal breaks; and

14 (g) Case management services.

15 (2) The four-year institutions of higher education may also
16 establish plans to develop surplus property for affordable housing to
17 accommodate the needs of students experiencing homelessness and
18 students who were in the foster care system when they graduated high
19 school.

20 (3) The four-year institutions of higher education participating
21 in the (~~pilot~~) program shall leverage existing community resources
22 by making available to students in the (~~pilot~~) program information
23 that is available for individuals experiencing homelessness,
24 including through not-for-profit organizations, the local housing
25 authority, and the department of commerce's office of homeless youth.

26 (4) The four-year institutions of higher education participating
27 in the (~~pilot~~) program shall annually provide a joint report to the
28 appropriate committees of the legislature (~~by~~) in accordance with
29 RCW 43.01.036 beginning December 1, 2023, that includes at least the
30 following information:

31 (a) The number of students experiencing homelessness or food
32 insecurity, and the number of students who were in the foster care
33 system when they graduated high school who (~~were attending~~)
34 attended a four-year institution of higher education during the
35 (~~pilot~~) program. The council shall coordinate with all of the four-
36 year institutions of higher education to collect voluntary data on
37 how many students experiencing homelessness or food insecurity are
38 attending the four-year institutions of higher education;

39 (b) The number of students assisted by the (~~pilot~~) program;

1 (c) Strategies for accommodating students experiencing
2 homelessness or food insecurity, and former foster care students; and

3 (d) Legislative recommendations for how students experiencing
4 homelessness or food insecurity, and former foster care students
5 could be better served.

6 ~~(5) ((The four-year institutions of higher education not selected
7 to participate in the pilot program are:~~

8 ~~(a) Invited to participate voluntarily; and~~

9 ~~(b) Encouraged to submit the data required of the pilot program
10 participants under subsection (4) of this section, regardless of
11 participation status.~~

12 ~~(6) The pilot program expires July 1, 2024.~~

13 ~~(7) This section expires January 1, 2025))~~ For purposes of this
14 section, "program" means the students experiencing homelessness and
15 foster youth program.

16 NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. If specific funding for the purposes of
17 this act, referencing this act by bill or chapter number, is not
18 provided by June 30, 2023, in the omnibus appropriations act, this
19 act is null and void."

20 Correct the title.

EFFECT: Removes the establishment of a grant program for
community and technical colleges to offer housing vouchers to
students.

Removes a tribal college from institutions that may implement a
students experiencing homelessness and foster youth program.

Eliminates language regarding institutions not selected to
participate in the students experiencing homelessness and foster
youth program.

Adds a null and void clause.

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