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**HOUSE BILL 1545**

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**By** Representatives Caldier, Hutchins, Christian, Jacobsen, Volz, Eslick, and Graham

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1 AN ACT Relating to prohibiting institutions of higher education  
2 from imposing vaccine or immunization mandates on online-only  
3 students; adding a new section to chapter 70.54 RCW; and declaring an  
4 emergency.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 70.54  
7 RCW to read as follows:

8 (1) An institution of higher education may not require a student  
9 to receive any vaccination or immunization as a condition of  
10 enrollment if the student is only attending classes online and is not  
11 regularly visiting the institution's physical campus.

12 (2) Any rule, policy, or procedure adopted by the institution of  
13 higher education is null and void to the extent it conflicts with the  
14 requirements of this section.

15 (3) For purposes of this section, "institution of higher  
16 education" has the same meaning as in RCW 28B.92.030.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** This act is necessary for the immediate  
18 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of

1 the state government and its existing public institutions, and takes  
2 effect immediately.

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