

2 **SSB 5075 - H COMM AMD ADOPTED 4-13-93**
3 By Committee on Higher Education

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5 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
6 following:

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 28B.10
8 RCW to read as follows:

9 As used in sections 2 and 3 of this act, "hazing" includes any
10 method of initiation into a student organization or living group, or
11 any pastime or amusement engaged in with respect to such an
12 organization or living group that causes, or is likely to cause, bodily
13 danger or physical harm, or serious mental or emotional harm, to any
14 student or other person attending a public or private institution of
15 higher education or other postsecondary educational institution in this
16 state. "Hazing" does not include customary athletic events or other
17 similar contests or competitions.

18 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 28B.10 RCW
19 to read as follows:

20 (1) No student, or other person in attendance at any public or
21 private institution of higher education, or any other postsecondary
22 educational institution, may conspire to engage in hazing or
23 participate in hazing of another.

24 (2) A violation of this section is a misdemeanor, punishable as
25 provided under RCW 9A.20.021.

26 (3) Any organization, association, or student living group that
27 knowingly permits hazing is strictly liable for harm caused to persons
28 or property resulting from hazing. If the organization, association,
29 or student living group is a corporation whether for profit or
30 nonprofit, the individual directors of the corporation may be held
31 individually liable for damages.

32 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 28B.10 RCW
33 to read as follows:

1 (1) A person who participates in the hazing of another shall
2 forfeit any entitlement to state-funded grants, scholarships, or awards
3 for a period of time determined by the institution of higher education.

4 (2) Any organization, association, or student living group that
5 knowingly permits hazing to be conducted by its members or by others
6 subject to its direction or control shall be deprived of any official
7 recognition or approval granted by a public institution of higher
8 education.

9 (3) The public institutions of higher education shall adopt rules
10 to implement this section.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** A new section is added to chapter 28B.10 RCW
12 to read as follows:

13 Institutions of higher education shall adopt rules providing
14 sanctions for conduct associated with initiation into a student
15 organization or living group, or any pastime or amusement engaged in
16 with respect to an organization or living group not amounting to a
17 violation of section 1 of this act. Conduct covered by this section
18 may include embarrassment, ridicule, sleep deprivation, verbal abuse,
19 or personal humiliation."

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