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<u>SSB 5734</u> - H AMD TO WAYS COMM AMD (H-3287.1) 736 By Representative Anderson

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1 On page 2, after line 34 of the striking amendment, insert the 2 following:

3 "<u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 2. A new section is added to chapter 28B.15 RCW 4 to read as follows:

5 (1) The state universities, regional universities, and the 6 Evergreen State College shall grant a bachelor's degree to any 7 resident undergraduate freshman who meets all of the following 8 criteria:

9 (a) Enrolls full-time;

10 (b) Declares a major course of study within the first academic 11 year of enrollment and does not change the declared major;

12 (c) Passes all courses attempted; and

13 (d) Maintains a 3.00 grade point average for either ten 14 consecutive quarters or eight consecutive semesters, excluding summer 15 quarter.

16 (2) The state universities, regional universities, and the 17 Evergreen State College shall grant a bachelor's degree to any 18 community or technical college transfer student who meets all of the 19 following criteria:

20 (a) Has earned a transfer associate degree;

21 (b) Enrolls full time;

(c) Declares a major course of study within the first term ofenrollment and does not change the declared major;

24 (d) Passes all courses attempted; and

(e) Maintains a 3.00 grade point average for either six26 consecutive quarters or four consecutive semesters.

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1 (3) If students who meet the criteria outlined in this section are 2 not awarded a bachelor's degree, the state universities, regional 3 universities, and the Evergreen State College shall provide the 4 students a fifteen percent refund of the total tuition fees and 5 services and activities fees paid during the student's enrollment." 6

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EFFECT: Provides that if resident undergraduate freshman at fouryear institutions enroll full time, declare a major and don't change it, pass all of their classes, and maintain a 3.0 GPA, they will earn a degree within four years. The same guarantee applies to students who transfer into a four-year institution having earned a transfer associate degree and having met the same criteria, with the exception that they will earn a degree within two years. If the four-year institutions fail to grant a degree to students who have met all of the criteria, they are required to issue the student a 15% refund of total tuition and services and activities fees paid during the student's enrollment.

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