

SSB 5734 - H AMD TO WAYS COMM AMD (H-3287.1) **695**

By Representative Anderson

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

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

5 (1) For the purposes of this section, "cost of instruction"
6 means the average instructional support in state general funds and
7 operating fees per full-time equivalent undergraduate, at each
8 institution of higher education for the prior academic year.

9 (2) Credits earned through advance placement programs shall not
10 be applied to the total accumulated for the purposes of this
11 section.

12 (3) For resident undergraduate students who have accumulated
13 more than one hundred twenty-five percent of the number of credits
14 required to complete their baccalaureate degree at a state
15 university, regional university, or The Evergreen State College,
16 tuition fees shall equal a sum not less than the cost of
17 instruction.

18 (4) For nonresident undergraduate students who have accumulated
19 more than one hundred twenty-five percent of the number of credits
20 required to complete their baccalaureate degree at a state
21 university, regional university, or The Evergreen State College,
22 tuition fees shall equal a sum not less than twice the cost of
23 instruction.

24 (5) It is presumed that increased tuition fees will apply to all
25 students described in subsections (3) and (4) of this section unless
26 the student presents to his or her registrar evidence that one or
27 more of the following exemptions apply:

1 (a) The student is a dislocated worker as defined by RCW
2 50.04.075 or a person engaging in a job training program under the
3 purview of the work force training and education coordinating board;

4 (b) The student participates in the border county higher
5 education opportunity project under RCW 28B.76.685;

6 (c) The student is a certificated teacher of the K-12 school
7 system pursuing continuing education credits according to
8 certification requirements; or

9 (d) The student has not been enrolled in an institution of
10 higher education during the preceding five years.

11 (6) Students who believe they are under extraordinary or
12 unforeseen academic or personal circumstances or were unable to
13 complete their baccalaureate degree program within the number of
14 credits specified due to institutional constraints may petition the
15 higher education coordinating board for a special waiver from the
16 tuition provisions of subsections (3) and (4) of this section. The
17 board shall create a process through which student petitions may be
18 fairly processed, heard, and determined. The process shall include a
19 one hundred dollar administrative fee. The entire amount of the fee
20 shall be refunded for those students who make a successful
21 petition."

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EFFECT: Requires students at four-year institutions with greater than 125% of the credits needed to complete their baccalaureate degree to pay tuition equal to at least the full cost of instruction. Requires nonresident students with greater than 125% of the credits required to complete their baccalaureate degree to pay twice the cost of instruction. Provides an appeals process for a waiver from this requirement.

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