

SSB 5734 - H AMD TO WAYS COMM AMD (H-3287.1) **667**

By Representative Anderson

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1 On page 1, line 9 of the striking amendment, after "resident"
2 strike "undergraduates" and insert "~~((undergraduates))~~ undergraduate,
3 graduate, and professional students,"

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5 On page 1, at the beginning of line 16 of the striking amendment,
6 strike "undergraduates," and insert "~~((undergraduates,))~~
7 undergraduate, graduate, and professional students,"

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

11 "**Sec. 2.** RCW 28B.15.068 and 2007 c 151 s 1 are each amended to
12 read as follows:

13 (1) Beginning with the 2007-08 academic year and ending with the
14 2016-17 academic year, tuition fees charged to full-time resident
15 undergraduate, graduate, and professional students may increase no
16 greater than seven percent over the previous academic year in any
17 institution of higher education. Annual reductions or increases in
18 full-time tuition fees for resident undergraduate, graduate, and
19 professional students shall be as provided in the omnibus
20 appropriations act, within the seven percent increase limit
21 established in this section. To the extent that state appropriations
22 combined with tuition and fee revenues are insufficient to achieve the
23 total per-student funding goals established in subsection (2) of this
24 section, the legislature may revisit state appropriations, authorized
25 enrollment levels, and changes in tuition fees for any given fiscal
26 year.

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1 (2) The state shall adopt as its goal total per-student funding
2 levels, from state appropriations plus tuition and fees, of at least
3 the sixtieth percentile of total per-student funding at similar public
4 institutions of higher education in the global challenge states. In
5 defining comparable per-student funding levels, the office of
6 financial management shall adjust for regional cost-of-living
7 differences; for differences in program offerings and in the relative
8 mix of lower division, upper division, and graduate students; and for
9 accounting and reporting differences among the comparison
10 institutions. The office of financial management shall develop a
11 funding trajectory for each four-year institution of higher education
12 and for the community and technical college system as a whole that
13 when combined with tuition and fees revenue allows the state to
14 achieve its funding goal for each four-year institution and the
15 community and technical college system as a whole no later than fiscal
16 year 2017. The state shall not reduce enrollment levels below fiscal
17 year 2007 budgeted levels in order to improve or alter the per-student
18 funding amount at any four-year institution of higher education or the
19 community and technical college system as a whole. The state
20 recognizes that each four-year institution of higher education and the
21 community and technical college system as a whole have different
22 funding requirements to achieve desired performance levels, and that
23 increases to the total per-student funding amount may need to exceed
24 the minimum funding goal.

25 (3) By September 1st of each year beginning [in] 2008, the office
26 of financial management shall report to the governor, the higher
27 education coordinating board, and appropriate committees of the
28 legislature with updated estimates of the total per-student funding
29 level that represents the sixtieth percentile of funding for
30 comparable institutions of higher education in the global challenge
31 states, and the progress toward that goal that was made for each of
32 the public institutions of higher education.

33 (4) As used in this section, "global challenge states" are the top
34 performing states on the new economy index published by the

1 progressive policy institute as of July 22, 2007. The new economy
2 index ranks states on indicators of their potential to compete in the
3 new economy. At least once every five years, the office of financial
4 management shall determine if changes to the list of global challenge
5 states are appropriate. The office of financial management shall
6 report its findings to the governor and the legislature."

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EFFECT: Adds resident graduate and professional students to the
group of students for which the legislature sets tuition in the
operating budget. Caps resident graduate and professional tuition
increases at no greater than 7 percent per year.

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