

**SSB 5734** - H AMD TO WAYS COMM AMD (H3287.1) **702**

By Representative Lias

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

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

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9 On page 2, after line 34, insert the following:

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

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

26 (2) The state shall adopt as its goal total per-student funding  
27 levels, from state appropriations plus tuition and fees, of at least

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

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

31 (4) As used in this section, "global challenge states" are the top  
32 performing states on the new economy index published by the  
33 progressive policy institute as of July 22, 2007. The new economy  
34 index ranks states on indicators of their potential to compete in the

1 new economy. At least once every five years, the office of financial  
2 management shall determine if changes to the list of global challenge  
3 states are appropriate. The office of financial management shall  
4 report its findings to the governor and the legislature."

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6 Correct the title.

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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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