

HB 2344-S.E - DIGEST

(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Authorizes the legislature to increase tuition above the statutory seven percent cap for 2009-2010 and 2010-2011.

Requires institutions of higher education to include information on their billing statements notifying students of tax credits available through the American opportunity tax credit provided in the American recovery and reinvestment act of 2009.

Requires the higher education coordinating board, in coordination with higher education stakeholders, to review options and make recommendations on a tuition policy that allows flexibility, accessibility, and differentiation among Washington's various public baccalaureate tuition rates.

Requires the joint legislative audit and review committee, within existing resources, to complete a systemic performance audit of the state universities, regional universities, and The Evergreen State College to create a transparent link between revenues, expenditures, and performance outcomes as outlined in the performance agreements developed under RCW 28B.10.920 and the strategic master plan for higher education as adopted by the legislature.