

COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION
Representative Don Carlson, Chair

BILL ANALYSIS
HB 1188

BRIEF DESCRIPTION: Exempting Wyoming students admitted to the University of Washington's medical school from the tuition differential.

BACKGROUND: The University of Washington has a program of regional medical education called the WAMI program. Through the program, the university permits some students from Alaska, Montana, and Idaho to enroll in the Medical School. The program is underwritten by contracts that the university enters with participating states. A few of the students enrolled in the program receive a portion of their instruction at Washington State University.

Within their overall waiver caps, the University of Washington and Washington State University may waive all or a part of the nonresident portion of tuition for students participating in the WAMI program. Washington State University may further reduce tuition by the amount that the student pays to the University of Washington as a registration fee. Any additional costs of educating WAMI students must be paid by the students' home states.

SUMMARY: The state of Wyoming is added to the WAMI program. The University of Washington and Washington State University may waive the nonresident tuition differential for students from Wyoming who are participating in the program.