

5927-S2

Sponsor(s): Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Wood, Bauer, Winsley, Kohl, Sheldon, Hale, Prince, Patterson and West)

Brief Title: Changing higher education financing.

SB 5927-S2.E - DIGEST

(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Declares that tuition is set forth in statute for a two-year period. During the 1997-99 biennium, tuition increases 4 percent per academic year for most categories of students. Exceptions are allowed for increases in three student categories at the University of Washington: 8.3 percent for nonresident undergraduates, 7.3 percent for resident law students, and 6.7 percent for nonresident law students. The University of Washington must use 10 percent of the revenue from the difference between a 4 percent increase and the actual increase to help needy resident undergraduate students and needy resident law students. Tuition rates are frozen after the 1997-99 biennium unless the Legislature adopts either different rates or a policy for establishing tuition rates. New tuition rates may be included in the operating budget.