

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1669**

Chapter 60, Laws of 2014

63rd Legislature  
2014 Regular Session

HIGHER EDUCATION--CHANGES TO DEGREE PROGRAMS

EFFECTIVE DATE: 06/12/14

Passed by the House January 24, 2014  
Yeas 86 Nays 11

FRANK CHOPP

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**Speaker of the House of Representatives**

Passed by the Senate March 7, 2014  
Yeas 49 Nays 0

BRAD OWEN

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**President of the Senate**

Approved March 27, 2014, 9:40 a.m.

JAY INSLEE

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**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Barbara Baker, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1669** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

BARBARA BAKER

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**Chief Clerk**

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March 27, 2014

**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**

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**2013 Regular Session**

**By** House Higher Education (originally sponsored by Representatives Pollet, Haler, Cody, Tarleton, Johnson, Seaquist, Farrell, Magendanz, Riccelli, and Ryu)

READ FIRST TIME 02/22/13.

1       AN ACT Relating to self-supporting, fee-based programs at four-year  
2 institutions of higher education; and adding a new section to chapter  
3 28B.15 RCW.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5       NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 28B.15 RCW  
6 to read as follows:

7       (1) When a decision is being considered to change an existing  
8 degree program that is supported by state funding to a program that is  
9 self-supporting and fee-based, the state universities, regional  
10 universities, and The Evergreen State College shall:

11       (a) Publicly notify prospective students, including notification  
12 in admission offers with an estimate of tuition and fees;

13       (b) Notify enrolled students and undergraduate or graduate student  
14 government associations at least six months before implementation with  
15 an estimate of tuition and fees; and

16       (c) Allow students currently enrolled in the program to continue in  
17 the state-supported program structure for a consecutive amount of time  
18 no greater than four years in length;

1           (2)(a) The state universities, regional universities, and The  
2 Evergreen State College shall each establish or designate a committee  
3 comprised of administrators, faculty, and students to create criteria  
4 upon which to evaluate, prior to a shift being made, the proposed shift  
5 of a degree program from a state-supported degree program to a self-  
6 supporting funding basis. Where possible, an existing budget or  
7 advisory committee shall be designated instead of establishing a new  
8 committee. When establishing evaluation criteria, the committee shall  
9 consider including the following:

10           (i) The financial health and sustainability of the program;

11           (ii) If moving the program to a self-supporting funding basis  
12 alters the availability of student financial aid;

13           (iii) The audience for the program, the format of the program, and  
14 the institutional priority for state funding of the program;

15           (iv) Demographics of students served and graduates practicing in  
16 typical fields of study; and

17           (v) Alternatives to shifting to a self-supporting funding basis  
18 including raising tuition within the state-funded context or program  
19 elimination;

20           (b) The committee that creates the criteria for moving a degree  
21 from a state-supported degree program to a self-supporting funding  
22 basis may also establish a process to periodically evaluate programs  
23 that have shifted from a state-supported program to a fee-based funding  
24 model for alignment with criteria established.

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