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HOUSE BILL 2823

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By Representatives Steele, Holy, and Stambaugh

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1            AN ACT Relating to scholarship displacement in postsecondary  
2 institutions' gift equity packaging policies; adding a new section to  
3 chapter 28B.77 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

5            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.** The legislature recognizes the importance  
6 of philanthropic entities that donate millions of dollars in private  
7 scholarships to students and that such entities are a key component  
8 in helping students attain their educational goals. The legislature  
9 seeks to encourage philanthropic giving of private scholarships and  
10 declares that such entities are more likely to donate money when they  
11 know their scholarships will genuinely help recipients meet their  
12 financial needs. Therefore, the legislature intends to incentivize  
13 the giving of scholarships by private entities by addressing  
14 scholarship displacement.

15            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 28B.77  
16 RCW to read as follows:

17            (1) The council shall ensure that a postsecondary institution  
18 participating in the state student financial aid program has a gift  
19 equity packaging policy allowing for a student who receives a private  
20 scholarship to receive up to one hundred percent of the student's

1 unmet need, as determined by the federal needs analysis, before any  
2 of the student's federal or state financial aid is reduced under the  
3 institution's gift equity packaging policy.

4 (2) This section does not apply to public community and technical  
5 colleges.

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