

**SHB 1079** - H AMD

By Representative Kagi

1           On page 2, at the end of line 4, insert "In addition, the state  
2 can provide financial support to former foster youth pursuing  
3 higher education or training by setting aside portions of the state  
4 need grant and the state work study programs specifically for  
5 foster youth."

6           On page 3, after line 6, insert the following:

7           "**Sec. 3.** RCW 28B.92.060 and 2004 c 275 s 37 are each amended  
8 to read as follows:

9           In awarding need grants, the board shall proceed substantially  
10 as follows: PROVIDED, That nothing contained herein shall be  
11 construed to prevent the board, in the exercise of its sound  
12 discretion, from following another procedure when the best interest  
13 of the program so dictates:

14           (1) The board shall annually select the financial aid award  
15 recipients from among Washington residents applying for student  
16 financial aid who have been ranked according to:

17           (a) Financial need as determined by the amount of the family  
18 contribution; and

19           (b) Other considerations ((brought to the board's attention)),  
20 such as whether the student is a former foster youth.

21           (2) The financial need of the highest ranked students shall be  
22 met by grants depending upon the evaluation of financial need until  
23 the total allocation has been disbursed. Funds from grants which  
24 are declined, forfeited or otherwise unused shall be reawarded  
25 until dispersed, except that eligible former foster youth shall be  
26 assured receipt of a grant.

27           (3) A student shall be eligible to receive a state need grant  
28 for up to five years, or the credit or clock hour equivalent of  
29 five years, or up to one hundred twenty-five percent of the  
30 published length of time of the student's program. A student may

1 not start a new associate degree program as a state need grant  
2 recipient until at least five years have elapsed since earning an  
3 associate degree as a need grant recipient, except that a student  
4 may earn two associate degrees concurrently. Qualifications for  
5 renewal will include maintaining satisfactory academic progress  
6 toward completion of an eligible program as determined by the  
7 board. Should the recipient terminate his or her enrollment for  
8 any reason during the academic year, the unused portion of the  
9 grant shall be returned to the state educational grant fund by the  
10 institution according to the institution's own policy for issuing  
11 refunds, except as provided in RCW 28B.92.070.

12 (4) In computing financial need, the board shall determine a  
13 maximum student expense budget allowance, not to exceed an amount  
14 equal to the total maximum student expense budget at the public  
15 institutions plus the current average state appropriation per  
16 student for operating expense in the public institutions.

17 (5) As used in this section, "former foster youth" means a  
18 person who is at least eighteen years of age, but not more than  
19 twenty-four years of age, who was a dependent of the department of  
20 social and health services at the time he or she attained the age  
21 of eighteen.

22 **Sec. 4.** RCW 28B.12.060 and 2002 c 354 s 224 are each amended  
23 to read as follows:

24 The higher education coordinating board shall adopt rules as  
25 may be necessary or appropriate for effecting the provisions of  
26 this chapter, and not in conflict with this chapter, in accordance  
27 with the provisions of chapter 34.05 RCW, the state higher  
28 education administrative procedure act. Such rules shall include  
29 provisions designed to make employment under the work-study program  
30 reasonably available, to the extent of available funds, to all  
31 eligible students in eligible postsecondary institutions in need  
32 thereof. The rules shall include:

33 (1) Providing work under the state work-study program that will  
34 not result in the displacement of employed workers or impair  
35 existing contracts for services;

36 (2) Furnishing work only to a student who:

1 (a) Is capable, in the opinion of the eligible institution, of  
2 maintaining good standing in such course of study while employed  
3 under the program covered by the agreement; and

4 (b) Has been accepted for enrollment as at least a half-time  
5 student at the eligible institution or, in the case of a student  
6 already enrolled in and attending the eligible institution, is in  
7 good standing and in at least half-time attendance there either as  
8 an undergraduate, graduate or professional student; and

9 (c) Is not pursuing a degree in theology;

10 (3) Placing priority on providing:

11 (a) Work opportunities for students who are residents of the  
12 state of Washington as defined in RCW 28B.15.012 and 28B.15.013,  
13 particularly former foster youth as defined in RCW 28B.92.060,  
14 except resident students defined in RCW 28B.15.012(2)((+f)) (g);

15 (b) Job placements in fields related to each student's academic  
16 or vocational pursuits, with an emphasis on off-campus job  
17 placements whenever appropriate; and

18 (c) Off-campus community service placements;

19 (4) Provisions to assure that in the state institutions of  
20 higher education, utilization of this work-study program:

21 (a) Shall only supplement and not supplant classified positions  
22 under jurisdiction of chapter 41.06 RCW;

23 (b) That all positions established which are comparable shall  
24 be identified to a job classification under the director of  
25 personnel's classification plan and shall receive equal  
26 compensation;

27 (c) Shall not take place in any manner that would replace  
28 classified positions reduced due to lack of funds or work; and

29 (d) That work study positions shall only be established at  
30 entry level positions of the classified service unless the overall  
31 scope and responsibilities of the position indicate a higher level;  
32 and

33 (5) Provisions to encourage job placements in occupations that  
34 meet Washington's economic development goals, especially those in  
35 international trade and international relations. The board shall  
36 permit appropriate job placements in other states and other  
37 countries."

38 Correct the title accordingly.

**EFFECT:** Requires the Higher Education Coordinating Board to place a priority on former foster youth for receipt of financial aid awards under the State Need Grant program and the State Work Study program. Eligible former foster youth are guaranteed a need grant from funds that were declined, forfeited or otherwise unused. Individuals between 18 and 24 years old who were state dependents at age 18 are eligible.