

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2021-4623, by Representatives Gregerson and Entenman

1 WHEREAS, The State of Washington helped start Western Governors
2 University (WGU) in 1998 to provide access to affordable education
3 and training opportunities through online, competency-based programs
4 and pledged, along with member states of Western Governors
5 Association, to take appropriate actions to create policies that
6 support the goals of WGU; and

7 WHEREAS, Ten years ago this spring, the State of Washington
8 enacted policy expanding access to affordable bachelor's and master's
9 degrees for Washington residents through online, competency-based
10 offerings at Western Governors University Washington (WGU
11 Washington); and

12 WHEREAS, WGU Washington offers high quality, career-focused
13 degree programs in fields vital to the state's economy, including
14 business, health professions, teaching, and information technology;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, WGU Washington contributes to Washington's educational
17 attainment goal of at least 70 percent of Washington adults achieving
18 a postsecondary credential by 2023; and

19 WHEREAS, WGU Washington has demonstrated success in providing
20 affordable education and training opportunities for Washington adult
21 learners; improving education quality; expanding access to
22 underserved populations, including veterans; graduating students; and
23 meeting workforce needs; and

