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## Postsecondary Education & Workforce Committee

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### SSB 5687

**Brief Description:** Creating and supporting postsecondary wrestling grant programs.

**Sponsors:** Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senator Van De Wege).

<p><b>Brief Summary of Substitute Bill</b></p>
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Creates a postsecondary wrestling grant program.</li></ul> |
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**Hearing Date:** 3/15/23

**Staff:** Saranda Ross (786-7068)

#### **Background:**

The Washington Student Achievement Council (WSAC) is a state agency created in 2012 that works to raise educational attainment through strategic engagement, program management, and partnerships. The Office of Student Financial Assistance was established within WSAC. This office directs the Washington College Grant and other scholarships that provide incentives for improvements to increased access and success in postsecondary education.

The National Collegiate Wrestling Association (NCWA) is the governing body that the wrestling teams of the University of Washington, Washington State University, Western Washington University, and Central Washington University compete under. Eastern Washington University's wrestling team is not registered with NCWA and The Evergreen State College does not have a wrestling team.

#### **Summary of Bill:**

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Subject to appropriations, a postsecondary wrestling grant program is created to provide funding to the public two and four-year institutions of higher education to establish or maintain intercollegiate wrestling programs. Grant funds may be used for purposes such as one-time start-up costs, equipment, and student scholarships. WSAC administers the program, establishes the minimum criteria for institutions to be awarded a grant, and awards grants based on a competitive process.

This legislation shall be known as the Charles Cate II Act.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Available. New fiscal note requested on March 13, 2023.

**Effective Date:** The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of the session in which the bill is passed.