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## SENATE BILL 5957

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1 AN ACT Relating to the general fund--state operating budget on 2 higher education; and adding a new section to chapter 43.88 RCW.

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

<u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 1. A new section is added to chapter 43.88 RCW
to read as follows:

6 (1) Beginning with the 1992-93 fiscal year and each fiscal year 7 thereafter, the percentage of the general fund--state operating budget 8 for higher education shall be increased by a minimum of one percent 9 until the percentage of the general fund--state operating budget for 10 higher education is at or above eighteen percent.

(2) Once the percentage of the general fund--state operating budget for higher education is at or above eighteen percent, the percentage level shall not fall below eighteen percent of the general fund--state operating budget for higher education.