

SSB 5734 - H COMM AMD

By Committee on Ways & Means

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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the  
2 following:

3 "Sec. 1. RCW 28B.15.067 and 2007 c 355 s 7 are each amended to  
4 read as follows:

5 (1) Tuition fees shall be established under the provisions of this  
6 chapter.

7 (2) Beginning with the 2003-04 academic year and ending with the  
8 (~~2008-09~~) 2012-13 academic year, reductions or increases in full-time  
9 tuition fees for resident undergraduates shall be as provided in the  
10 omnibus appropriations act.

11 (3)(a) Beginning with the 2003-04 academic year and ending with the  
12 (~~2008-09~~) 2012-13 academic year, the governing boards of the state  
13 universities, the regional universities, The Evergreen State College,  
14 and the state board for community and technical colleges may reduce or  
15 increase full-time tuition fees for all students other than resident  
16 undergraduates, including summer school students and students in other  
17 self-supporting degree programs. Percentage increases in full-time  
18 tuition fees may exceed the fiscal growth factor. Reductions or  
19 increases may be made for all or portions of an institution's programs,  
20 campuses, courses, or students.

21 (b) Prior to reducing or increasing tuition for each academic year,  
22 the governing boards of the state universities, the regional  
23 universities, and The Evergreen State College shall consult with  
24 existing student associations or organizations with student  
25 undergraduate and graduate representatives regarding the impacts of  
26 potential tuition increases. Governing boards shall be required to  
27 provide data regarding the percentage of students receiving financial  
28 aid, the sources of aid, and the percentage of total costs of  
29 attendance paid for by aid.

1       (c) Prior to reducing or increasing tuition for each academic year,  
2 each college in the state board for community and technical college  
3 system shall consult with existing student associations or  
4 organizations with undergraduate student representation regarding the  
5 impacts of potential tuition increases. Colleges shall provide data  
6 regarding the percentage of students receiving financial aid, the  
7 sources of aid, and the percentage of total costs of attendance paid  
8 for by aid.

9       (4) Academic year tuition for full-time students at the state's  
10 institutions of higher education beginning with ~~((2009-10))~~ 2015-16,  
11 other than summer term, shall be as charged during the ~~((2008-09))~~  
12 2014-15 academic year unless different rates are adopted by the  
13 legislature.

14       (5) The tuition fees established under this chapter shall not apply  
15 to high school students enrolling in participating institutions of  
16 higher education under RCW 28A.600.300 through 28A.600.400.

17       (6) The tuition fees established under this chapter shall not apply  
18 to eligible students enrolling in a community or technical college  
19 under RCW 28C.04.610.

20       (7) The tuition fees established under this chapter shall not apply  
21 to eligible students enrolling in a community or technical college  
22 participating in the pilot program under RCW 28B.50.534 for the purpose  
23 of obtaining a high school diploma.

24       (8) For the academic years 2003-04 through 2008-09, the University  
25 of Washington shall use an amount equivalent to ten percent of all  
26 revenues received as a result of law school tuition increases beginning  
27 in academic year 2000-01 through academic year 2008-09 to assist needy  
28 low and middle-income resident law students.

29       (9) For the academic years 2003-04 through 2008-09, institutions of  
30 higher education shall use an amount equivalent to ten percent of all  
31 revenues received as a result of graduate academic school tuition  
32 increases beginning in academic year 2003-04 through academic year  
33 2008-09 to assist needy low and middle-income resident graduate  
34 academic students.

35       (10) Any tuition increases above seven percent shall fund costs of  
36 instruction, library and student services, utilities and maintenance,  
37 other costs related to instruction as well as institutional financial  
38 aid. Through 2010-11, any funding reductions to instruction, library

1 and student services, utilities and maintenance and other costs related  
2 to instruction shall be proportionally less than other program areas  
3 including administration.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) Within existing resources, the joint  
5 legislative audit and review committee shall complete a systemic  
6 performance audit of the state universities, regional universities, and  
7 The Evergreen State College. The purpose of the audit is to create a  
8 transparent link between revenues, expenditures, and performance  
9 outcomes as outlined in the performance agreements developed under RCW  
10 28B.10.920 and the strategic master plan for higher education as  
11 adopted by the legislature. The study shall:

12 (a) Identify standardized categories of costs that will allow  
13 comparison across various administrative, student support, and academic  
14 functions;

15 (b) Based on available management data, estimate current annual  
16 costs at each institution for the various cost categories;

17 (c) Based on available management data, identify fund sources that  
18 support the cost categories at each institution; and

19 (d) Identify barriers or gaps in data linking revenues,  
20 expenditures, and performance agreement outcome measures.

21 (2) The auditor shall report findings and recommendations to the  
22 appropriate committees of the legislature by December 1, 2010. The  
23 report shall include, but is not limited to, the following elements as  
24 they relate to the purpose of the audit:

25 (a) The identification of cost savings and programs or services  
26 that could be eliminated;

27 (b) Analysis of gaps or overlaps in programs or services and  
28 recommendations to correct gaps or overlaps;

29 (c) Feasibility of pooling technology systems or elements of  
30 technology systems pursuant to chapter . . . RCW (Second Substitute  
31 House Bill No. 1946), Laws of 2009;

32 (d) Recommendations for statutory or regulatory changes that may be  
33 necessary for the state universities, regional universities, and The  
34 Evergreen State College to meet performance agreement objectives  
35 mutually agreed upon pursuant to RCW 28B.10.922; and

36 (e) Recommendations on the development of a uniform higher  
37 education performance, budgeting, accounting, and reporting system."

1 Correct the title.

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