SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1331

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By House Higher Education (originally sponsored by Representatives Riccelli, Zeiger, Tarleton, Seaquist, Buys, Sawyer, Tharinger, Stonier, Bergquist, Liias, Upthegrove, Freeman, Farrell, Springer, Roberts, Jinkins, Maxwell, Fagan, Magendanz, Santos, Pollet, Fitzgibbon, Moscoso, Morrell, Fey, and Dahlquist)

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- AN ACT Relating to formation of student advisory committees at
- 2 four-year institutions of higher education; and adding a new section to
- 3 chapter 28B.15 RCW.
- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
- 5 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 28B.15 RCW 6 to read as follows:
- 7 (1) One student advisory committee may be formed at each four-year 8 institution of higher education by that institution's recognized 9 student government organization for the purpose of advising and
- assisting the administration of that four-year institution of higher
- education on issues that directly affect students' ability to access and succeed in their educational programs. Issues that the student
- 13 advisory committee should consider include:
- 14 (a) The institution's annual budget;
- 15 (b) Tuition and fee levels;
- 16 (c) Financial aid policies;
- 17 (d) Long-range budget priorities and allocation planning; and
- 18 (e) Admission and enrollment policies.

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(2) Members of a student advisory committee may be appointed in a manner that is consistent with policies adopted by the recognized student government organizations at each institution. If there is both an undergraduate and graduate recognized student government organization at one institution, members of the student advisory committee may be appointed in a manner consistent with policies adopted by both organizations.

- (3) The administration of each four-year institution of higher education must: (a) Make readily available all nonconfidential information, documents, and reports requested by the student advisory committee and that are necessary for the committee to provide informed recommendations; and (b) provide the opportunity to present recommendations to the boards of regents or trustees before final decisions of the administration that relate to the issues outlined in subsection (1) of this section.
- (4) A student advisory committee must: (a) Make reasonable efforts to solicit feedback from students regarding the issues outlined in subsection (1) of this section and matters that are of general interest and impact students; and (b) take reasonable steps to keep students informed of deliberations and actions of the student advisory committee.

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