

# FINAL BILL REPORT

## SHB 1559

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Synopsis as Enacted

**Brief Description:** Concerning higher education programs at Washington State University and the University of Washington.

**Sponsors:** House Committee on Higher Education (originally sponsored by Representatives Riccelli, Johnson, Wylie, Parker, MacEwen, Harris, Rodne, Schmick, Short, Pettigrew, Ormsby, Robinson, Van De Wege, Klippert, Reykdal, Sawyer, Holy, Walsh, S. Hunt, Kretz, Vick, Gregerson, McCaslin, Pike, Scott, Smith, Lytton, Hudgins, Ryu, Condotta, Sells, Moscoso, Hurst, Santos, Buys, Fey, Takko, Blake, Dent, Nealey, Kilduff, Chandler, Wilcox, Haler, Magendanz, Peterson, Ortiz-Self, Appleton, Manweller, Shea, Senn, Hayes, Kochmar, Hargrove, Muri, Stanford, Fagan, Griffey, Van Werven, Wilson, Harmsworth, Kirby, Tharinger, McBride and Goodman).

**Higher Education:** 1/27/15, 2/10/15 [DPS];  
**Appropriations:** 2/25/15, 2/27/15 [DPS(HE)].

#### **Background:**

Only the University of Washington (UW) or Washington State University (WSU) may offer degrees in particular major lines of study. Degrees in particular major lines of study:

- offered only by the UW include: law, medicine, forest products, logging engineering, library sciences, and fisheries.
- offered only by WSU include: agriculture (in all its branches and subdivisions), veterinary medicine, and economic science in its application to agriculture and rural life.
- offered only by the UW or WSU include: pharmacy, architecture, and forest management.

#### **Summary:**

The board of regents of WSU may offer and teach medicine as a major line of study, and is authorized to establish, operate, and maintain a school of medicine at the university. The board of regents may also offer and teach forestry as a major line.

#### **Votes on Final Passage:**

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