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SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2386

State of Washington 65th Legislature 2018 Regular Session

By House Higher Education (originally sponsored by Representatives Hudgins, Tarleton, Bergquist, Santos, Dolan, Valdez, Doglio, Pollet, and Stonier)

READ FIRST TIME 02/02/18.

- 1 AN ACT Relating to room and board for college bound scholarship 2 students; and adding a new section to chapter 28B.15 RCW.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
- MEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 28B.15 RCW to read as follows:
 - (1) The legislature recognizes that homelessness is a barrier to accessing higher education and therefore intends to provide college bound scholarship students experiencing homelessness with one year of on-campus housing, provided that space is available so other students are not being displaced and rooms are not being held open.
 - (2) Beginning in the 2018-19 academic year, institutions of higher education as defined in RCW 28B.10.016 that offer on-campus student housing options shall provide a waiver for one year of oncampus housing to eligible students on a space available basis, provided the student has not reached his or her unmet need through other gift aid. Eligible students are first-year recipients of the college bound scholarship under chapter 28B.118 RCW and who upon graduation from high school are considered homeless, as set forth in the McKinney-Vento homeless education assistance act (P.L. 100-77; 101 Stat. 482). The eligible student must inform the institution of

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- 1 higher education of their eligibility when accepting admittance for
- 2 the fall term in order to receive the waiver.

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