

**SB 6514-S - DIGEST**

(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Requires an entity within the University of Washington school of social work that has expertise in suicide prevention to: (1) In collaboration with the student achievement council, develop a statewide resource for behavioral health and suicide prevention for the state's postsecondary institutions;

(2) Convene and consult with a work group that consists of representatives from stakeholder groups that the entity deems appropriate; and

(3) Consider representatives from those organizations listed in the mental health and suicide prevention in higher education task force.

States that the entity is responsible for constructing and hosting the statewide resource and linking the resource to the student achievement council's and the department of health's web sites.

Creates the suicide prevention in higher education grant program to provide funding to postsecondary institutions for the institutions to create partnerships with health care entities to provide mental health, behavioral health, and suicide prevention to students in their institutions.

Requires the student achievement council to: (1) Administer the grant program in collaboration with the work group convened by the entity;

(2) Establish minimum criteria that grant recipients must meet to be awarded a grant;

(3) Award the first six grants to public institutions of higher education; and

(4) When selecting the recipients of the first six grants, consult with the state board for community and technical colleges.

Requires postsecondary institutions to submit a report to the entity for establishing a baseline for behavioral health concerns and responses at the institutions of higher education.