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**SENATE BILL 6142**

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**By** Senators Lias, Randall, Dhingra, Hasegawa, Mullet, Nguyen, Stanford, Carlyle, and Wilson, C.; by request of Lieutenant Governor

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1 AN ACT Relating to creating the Washington common application;  
2 adding a new section to chapter 28B.77 RCW; and adding a new section  
3 to chapter 28B.15 RCW.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 28B.77  
6 RCW to read as follows:

7 (1) The Washington student achievement council shall develop a  
8 common application for admission to Washington's public colleges and  
9 universities. In creating the common application, the student  
10 achievement council shall:

11 (a) Consult with the public colleges and universities in  
12 determining the required elements of a common application;

13 (b) Develop an online application tool through which prospective  
14 postsecondary students can apply to the public colleges and  
15 universities;

16 (c) Establish a uniform college application fee which may be  
17 adjusted annually;

18 (d) Consult with the public colleges and universities to develop  
19 a common application fee waiver process through the common  
20 application for low-income students.

1 (2) (a) The Washington student achievement council must develop a  
2 common application fee waiver policy for eligible prospective  
3 students.

4 (b) For purposes of this section, eligible prospective students  
5 are those who:

6 (i) Are a resident student of the state of Washington in  
7 accordance with RCW 28B.15.012(2) (a) through (e);

8 (ii) Apply for acceptance as an undergraduate student at an  
9 institution of higher education through the common application and  
10 have not yet earned a bachelor's degree or its equivalent; and

11 (iii) Demonstrate financial need under RCW 28B.92.205.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 28B.15  
13 RCW to read as follows:

14 (1) Institutions of higher education must accept the common  
15 application for postsecondary admission as created under section 1 of  
16 this act. Institutions of higher education may require additional  
17 supplemental materials as part of the common application process.

18 (2) Institutions of higher education may not charge additional  
19 fees beyond the uniform college application fee created under section  
20 1 of this act for review of the common application or consider the  
21 receipt of application fee waivers through the common application as  
22 part of the admissions process.

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