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**SENATE BILL 5984**

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**By** Senators Schoesler, Dozier, Holy, and Torres

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1 AN ACT Relating to nonresident enrollment at institutions of  
2 higher education; adding a new section to chapter 28B.10 RCW; and  
3 creating a new section.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that some public  
6 four-year institutions of higher education rely on the expansion of  
7 nonresident student enrollment to increase tuition revenue. Unlike  
8 students who grew up in Washington, these out-of-state students were  
9 raised in households that are not subject to the various taxes that  
10 fund capital infrastructure construction on public campuses. The  
11 legislature further finds that state four-year universities and  
12 colleges face a growing demand to address their minor works and  
13 preventative maintenance projects. Therefore, the legislature intends  
14 to ensure a portion of tuition funds is dedicated to address needed  
15 minor works efforts on public campuses with high ratios of  
16 nonresident students.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 28B.10  
18 RCW to read as follows:

19 (1) Any state university, regional university, or state college  
20 with a percentage of nonresident undergraduate enrollment from the

1 prior year that is 18 percent or greater must contribute \$2,000,000  
2 in nonbond revenue towards its capital minor works budget for the  
3 ensuing biennium. The state university, regional university, or state  
4 college must expend its own funds prior to accessing general  
5 obligation bonds for those projects on its capital minor works  
6 project list.

7 (2) For purposes of this section, "minor works" means projects  
8 between \$25,000 and \$2,000,000 that are included in a single line  
9 appropriation request for funding in the omnibus capital  
10 appropriations act.

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