

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**SENATE BILL 5079**

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TUITION OPERATING FEES—MAXIMUM INCREASE CALCULATION DATE

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2023

Yeas 49 Nays 0

DENNY HECK

**President of the Senate**

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Yeas 97 Nays 0

LURIE JINKINS

**Speaker of the House of  
Representatives**

Approved March 30, 2023 11:48 AM

JAY INSLEE

**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Sarah Bannister, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SENATE BILL 5079** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

SARAH BANNISTER

**Secretary**

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**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**

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**By** Senators Braun, Lias, Boehnke, Dozier, Holy, King, Mullet, Muzzall, Saldaña, Schoesler, Wagoner, and Wellman

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1 AN ACT Relating to the date by which tuition operating fees are  
2 established; and amending RCW 28B.15.067.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28B.15.067 and 2021 c 200 s 9 are each amended to  
5 read as follows:

6 (1) Tuition fees shall be established under the provisions of  
7 this chapter.

8 (2) (~~Tuition~~) The maximum increase in tuition operating fees  
9 for resident undergraduates at institutions of higher education as  
10 defined in RCW 28B.10.016, excluding applied baccalaureate degrees as  
11 defined in RCW 28B.50.030, shall be calculated by the office of  
12 financial management and transmitted to the institutions of higher  
13 education by October 1st of each year for the following academic  
14 year. Tuition operating fees for resident undergraduates at  
15 institutions of higher education as defined in RCW 28B.10.016,  
16 excluding applied baccalaureate degrees as defined in RCW 28B.50.030,  
17 may increase by no more than the average annual percentage growth  
18 rate in the median hourly wage for Washington (~~for the previous~~  
19 ~~fourteen years~~) as the wage is determined by the federal bureau of  
20 labor statistics and calculated based on the previous 14 years prior  
21 to the transmittal date by the office of financial management.

1 (3) The governing boards of the state universities, regional  
2 universities, and The Evergreen State College; and the state board  
3 for community and technical colleges may reduce or increase full-time  
4 tuition fees for all students other than resident undergraduates,  
5 including nonresident students, summer school students, and students  
6 in other self-supporting degree programs. Percentage increases in  
7 full-time tuition may exceed the fiscal growth factor. Except during  
8 the 2013-2015 fiscal biennium, the state board for community and  
9 technical colleges may pilot or institute differential tuition  
10 models. The board may define scale, scope, and rationale for the  
11 models.

12 (4) The tuition fees established under this chapter shall not  
13 apply to high school students enrolling in participating institutions  
14 of higher education under RCW 28A.600.300 through 28A.600.400.

15 (5)(a) The tuition fees established under this chapter shall not  
16 apply to eligible students enrolling in a dropout reengagement  
17 program through an interlocal agreement between a school district and  
18 a community or technical college under RCW 28A.175.100 through  
19 28A.175.110.

20 (b) The tuition fees established under this chapter shall not  
21 apply to students incarcerated with the department of corrections who  
22 are participating in credit-eligible postsecondary education courses  
23 and degree programs when the program expenses are funded by  
24 nontuition resources such as, but not limited to, grants, contracts,  
25 and donations.

26 (6) As a result of any changes in tuition under section 3,  
27 chapter 36, Laws of 2015 3rd sp. sess., the governing boards of the  
28 state universities, the regional universities, and The Evergreen  
29 State College shall not reduce resident undergraduate enrollment  
30 below the 2014-15 academic year levels.

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