

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 5542

As of February 4, 2025

Title: An act relating to tuition waivers for high school completers at community and technical colleges.

Brief Description: Expanding tuition waivers for high school completers at community and technical colleges.

Sponsors: Senators Boehnke, Slatter, Hasegawa, Nobles, Ramos and Valdez; by request of State Board for Community and Technical Colleges.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Higher Education & Workforce Development: 2/06/25.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Eliminates the requirement that a student be 19 years of age or older to be eligible for a High School Completion Program tuition and fee waiver.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Staff: Kellee Gunn (786-7429)

Background: Waiver for High School Completion Programs at Community and Technical Colleges. Community and technical colleges (CTCs) may waive all or a portion of tuition, and services and activities (S&A) fees for resident students 19 years of age or older who are enrolled in a High School Completion Program.

CTCs may also waive all or a portion of the difference between resident tuition and non-resident tuition for non-resident students enrolled in a High School Completion Program.

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The waiver is only for courses which lead to a high school diploma or certificate.

Summary of Bill: The requirement that a student in a High School Completion Program be 19 years of age or older to qualify for a tuition and fee waiver is eliminated.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Requested on January 24, 2025.

Creates Committee/Commission/Task Force that includes Legislative members: No.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.