

1 **ESSB 5743** - H COMM AMD

2 By Committee on Higher Education

3 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
4 following:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature recognizes that certain
6 tuition policies may have an adverse impact on the unique role of
7 community colleges.

8 Therefore, it is the intent of the legislature to eliminate
9 impediments to the ability of community colleges to meet the diverse
10 needs of students and business interests.

11 **Sec. 2.** RCW 28B.15.100 and 1998 c 75 s 1 are each amended to read
12 as follows:

13 (1) The governing boards of the state universities, the regional
14 universities, The Evergreen State College, and the community colleges
15 shall charge to and collect from each of the students registering at
16 the particular institution for any quarter or semester such tuition
17 fees and services and activities fees, and other fees as such board
18 shall in its discretion determine. The total of all fees shall be
19 rounded to the nearest whole dollar amount: PROVIDED, That such
20 tuition fees for other than the summer term shall be in the amounts for
21 the respective institutions as otherwise set forth in RCW 28B.15.067.

22 (2) Part-time students shall be charged tuition and services and
23 activities fees proportionate to full-time student rates established
24 for residents and nonresidents: PROVIDED, That except for students
25 registered at community colleges, students registered for fewer than
26 two credit hours shall be charged tuition and services and activities
27 fees at the rate established for two credit hours: PROVIDED FURTHER,
28 That, subject to the limitations of RCW 28B.15.910, residents of Idaho
29 or Oregon who are enrolled in community college district number twenty
30 for six or fewer credits during any quarter or semester may be exempted
31 from payment of all or a portion of the nonresident tuition fees
32 differential upon a declaration by the higher education coordinating
33 board that it finds Washington residents from the community college

1 district are afforded substantially equivalent treatment by such other
2 states.

3 (3) Full-time students registered for more than eighteen credit
4 hours shall be charged an additional operating fee for each credit hour
5 in excess of eighteen hours at the applicable established per credit
6 hour tuition fee rate for part-time students: PROVIDED, That, subject
7 to the limitations of RCW 28B.15.910, the governing boards of the state
8 universities and the community colleges may exempt all or a portion of
9 the additional charge, for students who are registered exclusively in
10 first professional programs in medicine, dental medicine, veterinary
11 medicine, doctor of pharmacy, or law, or who are registered exclusively
12 in required courses in vocational preparatory programs.-

13 Correct the title.

EFFECT: Eliminates the two credit minimum tuition and fee requirement
at community colleges.