
HOUSE BILL 2118

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By Representatives Wallace, Carlyle, Sullivan, and Kenney

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1 AN ACT Relating to long-term tuition policy; creating a new
2 section; and providing an expiration date.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) Within existing resources, the higher
5 education coordinating board shall convene an advisory committee on
6 tuition policy. The committee shall include one member from each of
7 the public baccalaureate institutions, one member from a community
8 college, one member from a technical college, one student attending a
9 baccalaureate institution, one student attending a community or
10 technical college, two faculty members, as well as one member each from
11 the higher education coordinating board, state board for community and
12 technical colleges, and the council of presidents.

13 (a) The president of the senate shall appoint one member from each
14 of the two largest caucuses of the senate. At least one member must be
15 a member of the senate committee on higher education and workforce
16 development.

17 (b) The speaker of the house of representatives shall appoint one
18 member from each of the two largest caucuses of the house of

1 representatives. At least one member must be a member of the house of
2 representatives committee on higher education.

3 (2) The committee shall be guided by the legislature's desire to
4 develop rational policies as the basis for long-term planning and
5 development of higher education in Washington. Any recommendations
6 made by the committee must support implementation of the strategic
7 master plan for higher education. The committee shall avail itself of
8 available video conferencing and teleconferencing technology to
9 minimize travel expenses. The committee is responsible for:

10 (a) Investigating tuition fee policies in other states including
11 average tuition levels for resident undergraduate students; an analysis
12 of the impact of various policies on citizen access, equity, and
13 participation rates; the impact of student debt upon graduation;
14 impacts on quality; and links with student financial assistance;

15 (b) Investigating other models for determining tuition including,
16 but not limited to, differential tuition fees based on program of study
17 or per credit;

18 (c) Investigating models that encourage collaboration and
19 coordination among institutions of higher education and that facilitate
20 coenrollment among multiple institutions, including enrollment in
21 online learning courses;

22 (d) Making recommendations on how to set tuition levels in amounts
23 and in a manner that supports the substantive higher education policy
24 objectives of the state as articulated in the strategic master plan for
25 higher education.

26 (3) The advisory committee shall report its findings to the
27 appropriate committees of the legislature by December 1, 2010.

28 (4) This section expires June 30, 2011.

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