



Proposed Operating Budget Compromise

(Striking Amendment H-4773.2 to ESHB 2376)

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Office of Program Research

1 time equivalent annual average resident undergraduate enrollment
2 increases by more than one percent from the 2015-16 academic year,
3 for purposes of calculating state funding for the tuition reduction
4 backfill, only a one percent growth rate or the university's
5 preceding five-year average percentage full-time equivalent
6 enrollment change, whichever is greater, may be used in calculating
7 the backfill.

8 (5) \$250,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal
9 year 2017 is provided solely for the endowment of the Jaffee
10 professorship in Jewish history and holocaust studies.

11 **Sec. 609.** 2015 3rd sp.s. c 4 s 612 (uncodified) is amended to
12 read as follows:

13 **FOR THE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT COUNCIL—POLICY COORDINATION AND**
14 **ADMINISTRATION**

15	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2016)	((\$5,528,000))
16		\$5,515,000
17	General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2017)	((\$5,631,000))
18		\$6,217,000
19	General Fund—Federal Appropriation	\$4,859,000
20	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	((\$16,018,000))
21		\$16,591,000

22 The appropriations in this section are subject to the following
23 conditions and limitations:

24 (1) \$182,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal
25 year 2017 is provided solely for the student achievement council, the
26 workforce training and education coordinating board, and the
27 department of licensing to work together to design and oversee a
28 study, to be administered by the council, that objectively analyzes
29 and makes recommendations about systemic overlaps and gaps in
30 jurisdiction regarding for-profit degree-granting institutions and
31 private vocational schools in the state. The council may contract
32 with a neutral third-party research organization to conduct the
33 study. The study must be conducted in two phases, starting with an
34 assessment of perspectives and relevant studies. A second phase, if
35 deemed appropriate by the council, the workforce training and
36 education coordinating board, and other stakeholders, may consist of
37 facilitated discussions amongst agencies, regulated entities, and
38 stakeholders to reach agreed-upon recommendations.

1 (a) The study must include recommendations to improve oversight
2 and accountability of these institutions and schools and a review of
3 whether, and how, different standards are applied to the institutions
4 and schools by different agencies. Specifically, the study must:

5 (i) Examine the data collection and reporting practices of for-
6 profit degree-granting institutions and private vocational schools
7 compared to the data collection and reporting of the community and
8 technical colleges. The study must determine if there are
9 inconsistencies and discrepancies in the practices of the for-profit
10 degree-granting institutions and private vocational schools. The
11 study must also make recommendations on the methods of collecting,
12 analyzing, and reporting data, including what measurements to use, to
13 ensure that data from for-profit degree-granting institutions and
14 private vocational schools can be accurately compared to data from
15 the community and technical colleges;

16 (ii) Study the current regulations governing these institutions
17 and schools and recommend necessary changes to achieve consistent
18 regulatory oversight of the entire system;

19 (iii) Recommend ways to implement a cohesive method for guiding
20 and assisting current and prospective students who have questions and
21 concerns; and

22 (iv) Review whether an ombuds position serving students of for-
23 profit degree-granting institutions and private vocational schools
24 should be created. If the recommendation is to create an ombuds
25 position, the study must make a recommendation on which state entity
26 should house the position.

27 (b) The assessment phase of the study may begin July 1, 2016. The
28 council must issue a final report, including the result of any
29 facilitated agreed-upon recommendations, to the appropriate
30 committees of the legislature by January 1, 2017.

31 (2) \$25,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal
32 year 2017 is provided solely to implement Second Engrossed Substitute
33 Senate Bill No. 6601 (Washington college savings program). If the
34 bill is not enacted by June 30, 2016, the amount provided in this
35 subsection shall lapse.

36 (3) \$250,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal
37 year 2017 is provided solely for the council to complete a higher
38 education needs assessment for southeast King county, and to prepare
39 a program and operating plan to meet the higher education needs
40 identified in the assessment. The needs assessment shall consider