

## Governor's budget proposes more cuts and higher tuition, but increases State Need Grant funding \$91.6m

The Governor's proposed budget for 2011-13 would cut higher education appropriations an average of 4.2 percent for the coming biennium. It also would authorize the following tuition increases.

Tuition Increases	FY 2012	FY 2013
University of Washington/WSU	\$940	\$1,050
Western Washington University	\$670	\$ 740
Eastern Washington University	\$545	\$ 595
Central Washington University	\$560	\$ 605
The Evergreen State College	\$550	\$ 600
Community and Technical Colleges	\$280	\$ 305

The State Need Grant program would receive an additional \$91.6 million to offset the cost of the tuition increases for the state's neediest citizens.

The budget would further reduce the anticipated appropriation for the State Work Study program by \$21.3 million. It also would suspend a number of smaller financial aid programs such as Washington Scholars.

It would limit state-supported employer contributions to higher education pension plans to 6 percent of salary. And it would suspend employee salary increases under Initiative 732 for faculty and staff at the community & technical colleges.

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## Say goodbye to HECB Update...

### ...hello to new HECB Blog

This will be the last issue of the Higher Education Coordinating Board's newsletter – *HECB Update*. We have been distributing this newsletter to hundreds of stakeholders and interested parties for more than four years.

This January we'll transition to a new HECB Blog. We'll use the blog to provide summaries of Board activities, and many other items of interest.

The blog will enable us to provide you more timely information in a user-friendly format. It also will enable you to contribute to an ongoing dialogue about how we can improve our state's higher education system.

We'll be sending you more information about the new HECB Blog soon.

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## Look for a new HECB Website coming soon!

HECB staff members have been working for the last six months on a major reorganization and redesign of our website.

We believe the new site – currently in the design phase – will make it much easier for you to find and use the rich array of information we maintain electronically.

A primary goal is to draw many new users to our site. We propose to do this by placing greater emphasis on:

- Financial aid and student access issues.
- College preparation and success issues.
- Higher education's important role in the state's economy.
- Consumer protection issues.
- Higher education funding issues.
- Strategic Planning and System Design.
- Legislative issues.
- GEAR UP, College Bound, and other outreach efforts.