

# REINVESTING IN STUDENTS

## Joint Request:

### *Building upon the 2013 Reinvestment*

This proposal builds upon the state's 2013 reinvestment in higher education – the first enhancement following some of the largest decreases in the nation. Washington's public baccalaureates are jointly requesting a \$198 million state investment over the next two years to expand student access and success and increase high employer demand degree production through targeted, evidence-based initiatives. New funding would also maintain existing tuition levels for another two years.

## Educational Goals

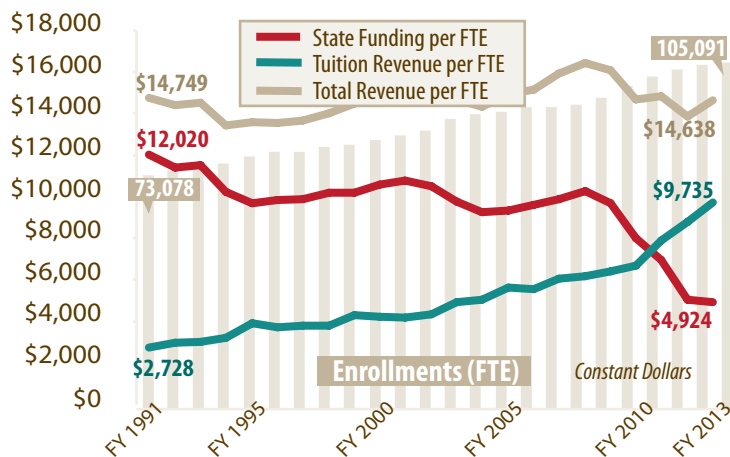
Washington is behind on the legislatively-recognized statewide goal that 70% of adults will have a postsecondary credential by 2023.



Currently less than 50% have achieved this goal

## Rebalancing State Contribution

Per student funding is lower now than it was over 20 years ago, but the burden has shifted dramatically from the state to students and their families.

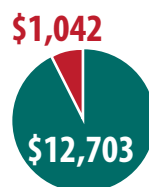


## WHAT WILL \$198m BUY?

- More STEM/high demand degrees
- Increased support services for students
- World class faculty and staff
- Maintenance and operation of student learning space
- Fully funded maintenance level budgets
- Maintain existing tuition levels for two years

## State Funding Today: *Close To 1991 Levels*

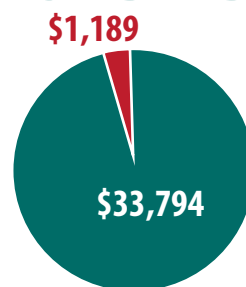
### 1989-91



- Total Near General Fund-State Budget
- Four-Year Institution Funding

(Figures in millions)

### 2013-15



Source: leap.leg.wa.gov

## Who Pays Now?

Students...**62%** State...**38%**

**49th** Nationally in per student funding (tuition + state support)