



WASHINGTON STATE

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**HB 1795 and  
Tuition Policy**

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# Tuition Policy: House Bill 1795

- Large declines in state funding for higher education have resulted in the Legislature authorizing double digit tuition increases in the budget.
- Tuition increases offset some but not all of the state funding reductions.
- Thus far, only one institution has exercised the tuition authority granted in HB 1795, and then only for one academic year.

	Legislatively Authorized Tuition Increase			
	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
UW	14%	14%	16%*	16%
WSU	14%	14%	16%	16%
WWU	14%	14%	16%	16%
CWU	14%	14%	14%	14%
EWU	14%	14%	11%	11%
TESC	14%	14%	14%	14%

- *UW increased tuition by 20% for the 2011-12 academic year.*



**House Bill 1795 Passage (2011 session)**

# Mitigating Tuition Increases: HB 1795

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- Required increase in the percentage of operating fees remitted to students in the form of financial aid:
  - ✓ All four-year institutions: **3.5% → 4%**
  - ✓ Institutions that exercise tuition-setting authority: **3.5% → 5%**
- Institutions exercising tuition-setting authority must provide financial assistance to low and middle-income students via a specific formula depending on tuition price as a percentage of median family income in various income brackets up to 125%\* of median family income.
- Increased reporting requirements:
  - ✓ The amount of additional financial aid provided to low and middle-income students with demonstrated need.
  - ✓ Itemized sources and methods of financial aid.

\* 100% of median family income = \$82,000/family of four

# Accountability and Performance

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## ■ Performance and Accountability Dashboard

- Partnership between ERDC and public four-year institutions
- Available at [www.ofm.wa.gov](http://www.ofm.wa.gov)
- Variety of enrollment, progress and outcome metrics
- New version debuts December 3

## ■ Performance plans

- Negotiated between OFM and the public baccalaureate institutions
  - Metrics include: Time and credits to degree; retention and success of students from low-income, diverse or underrepresented communities; baccalaureate degree production for resident students; degree production in high-employer demand programs of study and critical state need areas.
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# Impacts of State Budget Decisions

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- Double digit tuition increases
- Higher student debt
- Projected increase in time to graduation
- Academic program eliminations and mergers
- Increased class sizes
- Reduced class offerings
- Fewer academic advisors, career counselors and student support services
- Faculty and staff cuts