HOUSE BILL 1847

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| By | Rep | res | sentatives | Haler, | Pollet, | and | Holy | | | |

1 AN ACT Relating to supporting higher education affordability; and 2 adding a new section to chapter 28B.15 RCW.

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

<u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 1. A new section is added to chapter 28B.15
5 RCW to read as follows:

It is a goal of the legislature to ensure that state support for 6 the four-year institutions of higher education is at least fifty 7 percent of the total amount of funding the institutions receive from 8 general fund and education legacy trust account appropriations and 9 10 the operating fee portion of tuition and fees. This funding goal 11 should be recognized as a mechanism to gauge college affordability. By January 1st of each biennium, each four-year institution of higher 12 education and the state board for community and technical colleges 13 14 shall report to the appropriate committees of the legislature on the 15 percentages of funding each institution or sector receives from 16 general fund and education legacy trust account appropriations 17 compared to tuition.

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