

Multiple Agency Fiscal Note Summary

Bill Number: 6300 S SB	Title: College grant/public assist.
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Estimated Cash Receipts

Agency Name	2023-25			2025-27			2027-29		
	GF-State	NGF-Outlook	Total	GF-State	NGF-Outlook	Total	GF-State	NGF-Outlook	Total
Central Washington University	Non-zero but indeterminate cost and/or savings. Please see discussion.								
The Evergreen State College	Non-zero but indeterminate cost and/or savings. Please see discussion.								
Total \$	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Estimated Operating Expenditures

Agency Name	2023-25				2025-27				2027-29			
	FTEs	GF-State	NGF-Outlook	Total	FTEs	GF-State	NGF-Outlook	Total	FTEs	GF-State	NGF-Outlook	Total
Washington State Health Care Authority	Fiscal note not available											
Department of Social and Health Services	Fiscal note not available											
Student Achievement Council	Fiscal note not available											
University of Washington	Non-zero but indeterminate cost and/or savings. Please see discussion.											
Washington State University	Fiscal note not available											
Eastern Washington University	Fiscal note not available											
Central Washington University	Non-zero but indeterminate cost and/or savings. Please see discussion.											
The Evergreen State College	Non-zero but indeterminate cost and/or savings. Please see discussion.											
Western Washington University	Fiscal note not available											
Community and Technical College System	Fiscal note not available											
Total \$	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0

Estimated Capital Budget Expenditures

Agency Name	2023-25			2025-27			2027-29		
	FTEs	Bonds	Total	FTEs	Bonds	Total	FTEs	Bonds	Total
Washington State Health Care Authority	Fiscal note not available								
Department of Social and Health Services	Fiscal note not available								
Student Achievement Council	Fiscal note not available								
University of Washington	.0	0	0	.0	0	0	.0	0	0
Washington State University	Fiscal note not available								
Eastern Washington University	Fiscal note not available								
Central Washington University	.0	0	0	.0	0	0	.0	0	0
The Evergreen State College	.0	0	0	.0	0	0	.0	0	0
Western Washington University	Fiscal note not available								
Community and Technical College System	Fiscal note not available								
Total \$	0.0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	0	0

Estimated Capital Budget Breakout

NONE

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Individual State Agency Fiscal Note

Bill Number: 6300 S SB	Title: College grant/public assist.	Agency: 360-University of Washington
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Part I: Estimates

No Fiscal Impact

Estimated Cash Receipts to:

NONE

Estimated Operating Expenditures from:

Non-zero but indeterminate cost and/or savings. Please see discussion.

Estimated Capital Budget Impact:

NONE

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- Capital budget impact, complete Part IV.
- Requires new rule making, complete Part V.

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Part II: Narrative Explanation

II. A - Brief Description Of What The Measure Does That Has Fiscal Impact

Significant provisions of the bill and any related workload or policy assumptions that have revenue or expenditure impact on the responding agency by section number.

Substitute Senate Bill 6300 expands demonstration of financial need for Washington College Grant (WCG) Eligibility to include students who participate in Washington's Basic Food Program, the Food Assistance Program (SNAP), and/or Apple Health for Kids. These students are guaranteed to receive a maximum WCG award amount based on their family income during their high school years, regardless of the income levels reported on FAFSA/WASFA applications in their college years.

For these students, the WCG could be granted without needing to complete a FAFSA or WASFA. The number of eligible students and the number of students that might receive the WCG but not have a completed FAFSA or WASFA is unknown. Therefore, the University of Washington (UW) is unable to determine the potential fiscal impact. This change will result in additional work from the Office of Student Financial Aid that may result in less than \$50,000 in any given fiscal year. Please see the expenditure narrative for additional information.

II. B - Cash receipts Impact

Cash receipts impact of the legislation on the responding agency with the cash receipts provisions identified by section number and when appropriate, the detail of the revenue sources. Description of the factual basis of the assumptions and the method by which the cash receipts impact is derived. Explanation of how workload assumptions translate into estimates. Distinguished between one time and ongoing functions.

II. C - Expenditures

Agency expenditures necessary to implement this legislation (or savings resulting from this legislation), with the provisions of the legislation that result in the expenditures (or savings) identified by section number. Description of the factual basis of the assumptions and the method by which the expenditure impact is derived. Explanation of how workload assumptions translate into cost estimates. Distinguished between one time and ongoing functions.

This substitute bill would further expand the number of public assistance programs (SNAP and Apple Health for Kids) that that recipients would qualify to receive a Washington College Grant and other state aid programs without completing a FAFSA or WASFA. There is already a campus system in place that ensures WCG eligibility, delivers funds to students, and then accurately reports recipient data back to WSAC. The substitute would create a non-application pathway and thus create additional work for higher education financial aid offices, including at the UW.

The UW Office of Student Financial Aid currently has two applications to administer and maintain in our systems to award state aid (the FAFSA and the WASFA). This bill may result in a significant number of students that the UW Office of Student Financial Aid would have to manually award state funds to because they did not have a financial aid application (FAFSA and/or WASFA) on file. This would necessitate a third system to identify students who do not file a FAFSA or WASFA. By not developing additional processes to identify these students, it is possible that students may miss out on federal and institutional aid.

Determinate fiscal impacts are dependent on the number of eligible students who do not have a FAFSA or WASFA on file or have a FAFSA/WASFA on file with the institution, but schools must adjust financial aid to include a full WCG award for those students who are only partially eligible due to more recent family income levels. This could require additional FTE efforts to identify, monitor, report to WSAC, and adjust financial aid offers to the correct maximum grant amount. We anticipate that expenditures are not likely to exceed \$50,000 per fiscal year.

Part III: Expenditure Detail

III. A - Operating Budget Expenditures

Non-zero but indeterminate cost and/or savings. Please see discussion.

III. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

Non-zero but indeterminate cost and/or savings. Please see discussion.

III. C - Operating FTE Detail: *FTEs listed by classification and corresponding annual compensation. Totals agree with total FTEs in Part I and Part IIIA.*

NONE

III. D - Expenditures By Program (optional)

NONE

Part IV: Capital Budget Impact

IV. A - Capital Budget Expenditures

NONE

IV. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

NONE

IV. C - Capital Budget Breakout

Acquisition and construction costs not reflected elsewhere on the fiscal note and description of potential financing methods.

NONE

IV. D - Capital FTE Detail: *FTEs listed by classification and corresponding annual compensation. Totals agree with total FTEs in Part IVB.*

NONE

Part V: New Rule Making Required

Provisions of the bill that require the agency to adopt new administrative rules or repeal/revise existing rules.

Individual State Agency Fiscal Note

Bill Number: 6300 S SB	Title: College grant/public assist.	Agency: 375-Central Washington University
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Part I: Estimates

No Fiscal Impact

Estimated Cash Receipts to:

Non-zero but indeterminate cost and/or savings. Please see discussion.

Estimated Operating Expenditures from:

Non-zero but indeterminate cost and/or savings. Please see discussion.

Estimated Capital Budget Impact:

NONE

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Part II: Narrative Explanation

II. A - Brief Description Of What The Measure Does That Has Fiscal Impact

Significant provisions of the bill and any related workload or policy assumptions that have revenue or expenditure impact on the responding agency by section number.

Substitute Senate Bill 6300 expands eligibility for the Washington College Grant (WCG) to include students who participate in Washington's Basic Food Program, The Food Assistance Program (SNAP, and/or Apple Health for Kids. Students are guaranteed to receive a maximum WCG award amount based on family income during their high school years regardless of income levels reported on the FAFSA/WASFA applications during their college years.

For students qualifying under these programs, the WCG could be awarded without needing to complete a FAFSA or WASFA application. It is unknown how many students would be eligible under this new criteria for that reason CWU is unable to determine, with any certainty, the potential fiscal impact. The expansion of eligibility will create additional workload for CWU's Office of Financial Aid that we estimate will be over \$50,000 annually.

II. B - Cash receipts Impact

Cash receipts impact of the legislation on the responding agency with the cash receipts provisions identified by section number and when appropriate, the detail of the revenue sources. Description of the factual basis of the assumptions and the method by which the cash receipts impact is derived. Explanation of how workload assumptions translate into estimates. Distinguished between one time and ongoing functions.

CWU anticipates an indeterminate revenue gain as students who had not previously considered higher education, may realize more options to obtain a 4-year degree. CWU would expect that each new full-time resident undergraduate student, who is required to live in campus housing would generate additional annual revenues as shown below:

As a scalable example, each full-time resident undergraduate student, living on campus, and eligible under these new WCG guidelines could generate an additional \$25,944 annually (using 2023-2024 academic year rates).

- Tuition and Fees for a full-time undergraduate resident student: (3 quarters at \$3,064/quarter=\$9,192) = \$9,192
- On-campus shared room rate for an academic year: \$8,393
- On-campus meal plan A rate for an academic year: \$8,359

Total revenue = \$25,944/student

II. C - Expenditures

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Substitute SB 6300 expands the types of public assistance programs that demonstrate financial need for eligibility in the Washington College Grant (WCG) program. Students qualifying under these programs would not be required to complete the FAFSA/WASFA applications, which would require system packaging and awarding changes along with processes to track and support this new population.

Though it is unknown how many more students would qualify under these new provisions, CWU anticipates requiring additional staffing to provide FAFSA/WASFA outreach, assist this new population of students in navigating the financial aid process, and to be a resource for qualifying students. Depending on the increase in potential enrollments as the result of this legislation, CWU could need an additional 1 FTE Financial Aid Coaching Specialist at an annual cost of \$56,000 in salary/benefits.

Financial Aid Coaching Specialist 1 FTE salary: \$42,000
Benefits at 33%: \$14,000

Because of the various unknowns in the number of students who may take advantage of these new WCG eligibility

requirements, costs to implement this legislation are indeterminate at this time.

Part III: Expenditure Detail

III. A - Operating Budget Expenditures

Non-zero but indeterminate cost and/or savings. Please see discussion.

III. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

Non-zero but indeterminate cost and/or savings. Please see discussion.

III. C - Operating FTE Detail: *FTEs listed by classification and corresponding annual compensation. Totals agree with total FTEs in Part I and Part IIIA.*

NONE

III. D - Expenditures By Program (optional)

NONE

Part IV: Capital Budget Impact

IV. A - Capital Budget Expenditures

NONE

IV. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

NONE

IV. C - Capital Budget Breakout

Acquisition and construction costs not reflected elsewhere on the fiscal note and description of potential financing methods.

NONE

IV. D - Capital FTE Detail: *FTEs listed by classification and corresponding annual compensation. Totals agree with total FTEs in Part IVB.*

NONE

Part V: New Rule Making Required

Provisions of the bill that require the agency to adopt new administrative rules or repeal/revise existing rules.

Individual State Agency Fiscal Note

Bill Number: 6300 S SB	Title: College grant/public assist.	Agency: 376-The Evergreen State College
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Part I: Estimates

No Fiscal Impact

Estimated Cash Receipts to:

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Estimated Operating Expenditures from:

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Estimated Capital Budget Impact:

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Part II: Narrative Explanation

II. A - Brief Description Of What The Measure Does That Has Fiscal Impact

Significant provisions of the bill and any related workload or policy assumptions that have revenue or expenditure impact on the responding agency by section number.

SSB 6300 relates to providing automatic eligibility for the Washington College Grant to beneficiaries of public assistance programs.

Section 1(5)(a)(ii) adds the following to the list of programs that would satisfy the requirements for eligibility:

Beginning in 2027-28, Washington basic food program benefits, or Washington food assistance program benefits, or apple health coverage with a family income at 210% below the poverty line.

II. B - Cash receipts Impact

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Evergreen may experience an increase in enrollment that would increase revenue from tuition if the new eligibility criteria attracted new students to the college. Students who access the Washington Grant based on the new criteria may not receive all of the aid to which they are entitled if they do not complete the FAFSA.

II. C - Expenditures

Agency expenditures necessary to implement this legislation (or savings resulting from this legislation), with the provisions of the legislation that result in the expenditures (or savings) identified by section number. Description of the factual basis of the assumptions and the method by which the expenditure impact is derived. Explanation of how workload assumptions translate into cost estimates. Distinguished between one time and ongoing functions.

There will be costs associated with the implementation of this bill related to the potential need for an additional financial aid counselor to track and advise students who have not completed a financial aid application in the form of a FAFSA if there are a large number of students who enroll under this program. If an additional financial aid counselor becomes necessary, the cost for a 1.0 FTE financial aid counselor would be approximately \$78K in FY 2025 and \$74K in subsequent years.

Part III: Expenditure Detail

III. A - Operating Budget Expenditures

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III. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

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III. C - Operating FTE Detail: *FTEs listed by classification and corresponding annual compensation. Totals agree with total FTEs in Part I and Part IIIA.*

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Part IV: Capital Budget Impact

IV. A - Capital Budget Expenditures

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IV. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

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