

Bill Number and Title

Second Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 5954, An Act relating to reducing tuition

2ESSB 5954 establishes a new formula for determining tuition operating fees and tuition building fees. Depending on the college or university sector, the formula decreases tuition operating fees in some years and increases these fees in other years. The tuition building fee formula results in fee increases. To simplify the 10-year projection, tuition operating fee changes in the table below were calculated using 2014-15 enrollment data.

To learn more about this bill, visit: [SB 5954 \(2015-16\)](#)

Fee Title	Fiscal Year										Grand Total
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	
Tuition Building Fees - All Colleges and Universities	1,833,131	3,182,042	5,178,374	7,426,487	9,721,217	12,064,850	14,457,709	16,900,114	19,393,891	21,939,851	\$ 112,097,666
Tuition Operating Fee - Community and Technical Colleges	(22,313,755)	(22,313,755)	(13,410,567)	(4,320,412)	4,960,637	14,436,588	24,111,533	33,989,653	44,075,213	54,372,569	\$ 113,587,704
Tuition Operating Fee - State Universities*	(38,071,530)	(76,143,060)	13,591,536	13,876,959	14,168,375	14,465,911	14,769,695	15,079,858	15,396,535	15,719,863	\$ 2,854,142
Grand Total**	\$ (58,552,154)	\$ (95,274,773)	\$ 5,359,343	\$ 16,983,034	\$ 28,850,229	\$ 40,967,349	\$ 53,338,937	\$ 65,969,625	\$ 78,865,639	\$ 92,032,283	\$ 228,539,512

*University of Washington and Washington State University

**The regional university sector - Western Washington University, Central Washington University, Eastern Washington University and The Evergreen State College - was not included in the table because the tuition operating fee for this sector would not increase above current levels during the 10-year period covered in this cost projection.