

Bill Number and Title

Substitute Senate Bill 5954, An Act relating to reducing tuition

SSB 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 Fees - Community and Technical Colleges	(8,170,844)	7,162,806	24,393,446	43,690,857	64,269,428	85,712,298	108,055,769	131,337,666	155,597,403	180,876,048	\$ 792,924,877
Tuition Operating Fees - Regional Universities and TESC*	(59,910,845)	(53,218,226)	(45,697,634)	(37,274,967)	(28,293,117)	(18,934,029)	(9,181,860)	979,901	11,568,455	22,601,728	\$ (217,360,594)
Grand Total**	\$ (66,248,558)	\$ (42,873,378)	\$ (16,125,814)	\$ 13,842,377	\$ 45,697,528	\$ 78,843,119	\$ 113,331,618	\$ 149,217,681	\$ 186,559,749	\$ 225,417,627	\$ 687,661,949

*Western Washington University, Central Washington University, Eastern Washington University and The Evergreen State College

**The state university sector (University of Washington and Washington State University) 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.