

# HOUSE BILL REPORT

## ESSB 5605

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### As Reported By House Committee On:

Higher Education

**Title:** An act relating to prohibiting alcohol and drug use in state-owned college or university residences.

**Brief Description:** Prohibiting drug and alcohol use in state-owned college and university residences.

**Sponsors:** Senate Committee on Higher Education (originally sponsored by Senators Owen, Bauer, Sheldon, Wood, McAuliffe, Prince, Heavey, Drew, Winsley, Palmer, Deccio, Oke, Prentice and Schow).

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:**

Higher Education: 3/24/95, 3/30/95 [DPA].

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### HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION

**Majority Report:** Do pass as amended. Signed by 7 members: Representatives Carlson, Chairman; Mulliken, Vice Chairman; Benton; Blanton; Delvin; Goldsmith and Sheahan.

**Minority Report:** Do not pass. Signed by 4 members: Representatives Jacobsen, Ranking Minority Member; Mason, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Basich and Mastin.

**Staff:** Marilee Scarbrough (786-7196).

**Background:** In December 1994, a study published by researchers at the Harvard School of Public Health documented the prevalence of undergraduate drinking and the effect that drinking has on all students. The study concluded that half of all college students are binge drinkers. The study also attributed to binge drinkers the following impacts on classmates who are non-binge drinking students: vandalism, attacks on classmates, interruption of sleep and study, unwanted sexual advances and violent crimes.

**Summary of Amended Bill:** Each public institution of higher education is required to: