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SUBJECT: 2025 GET ACTUARIAL FINANCIAL REPORTING

We prepared the actuarial measurements you requested for the Guaranteed Education Tuition (GET) Program that intend to satisfy the reporting requirements for the Office of Financial Management's [2025 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report](#) (ACFR). In accordance with the Revised Code of Washington (RCW) [28B.95.030](#), the measurements disclosed in this letter will also be used to assess the program's funded status when setting the unit price for the 2025-26 GET enrollment period. Readers should not use this information for other purposes. Please replace this information with more recent information when available.

The **Appendix** contains information on the data, assumptions, and methods used to prepare this analysis.

Analysis Summary

We prepared the 2025 GET results for the ACFR by projecting the actuarial measurements from the [June 30, 2024, GET Actuarial Financial Reporting letter](#) (Financial Reporting) to June 30, 2025, according to the procedure described in the Appendix. The following table provides the 2024 Financial Reporting results and the projected 2025 results for the ACFR. Please note, the 2024 Financial Reporting results are a projection of the actuarial measurements from the [June 30, 2023, GET Actuarial Valuation Report](#) (GAVR). Additionally, we highlight that the 2025 GAVR results we produce later this year will vary slightly from analysis in this letter.



Funded Status Summary		
(Dollars in Millions)	2024 Projection	2025 Projection*
Present Value of Future Obligations (PVO)	\$1,141	\$1,091
(A) Market Value of Assets (MVA) at June 30	\$1,754	\$1,897
(B) Present Value of Receivables (PVR)	\$59	\$45
Present Value of Fund (A) + (B) (PVF)	\$1,813	\$1,941
Funded Status (PVF / PVO)	159%	178%
Reserve/(Deficit) (PVF - PVO)	\$672	\$850

*PVO and PVR are estimated using a projection procedure starting with the 2024 GET Actuarial Financial Reporting results. MVA reflects actual market value as of June 30, 2025, and includes additional funds held in a separate account with the Treasury.

The change in program measurements from the 2024 projected results to the 2025 projected results were driven by the following key updates:

- 1. 2025 Data Update** – A projection of the June 30, 2024, GET Actuarial Financial Reporting letter assets and liability measurements to June 30, 2025, based on current assumptions and reflecting actual program disbursements and new unit sales during the 2024-25 enrollment period. Additionally, this step includes updated projected administrative expenses provided by Washington Student Achievement Council (WSAC) staff. Otherwise, all measurements in this step match expectations from the June 30, 2024, measurement. This step resulted in a 5% increase to the funded status when compared to the 2024 Financial Reporting results.
- 2. Key Assumptions Update** – Updating the projection for the estimated impact of increasing the tuition growth and investment return assumptions. This step also includes resetting the assumption that current law tuition policy will remain in place for the next four years. This reset is done every two years consistent with the enacted biennial state budget as described in the [2021 GET Experience Study](#). This step resulted in a 5% increase to the estimated program funded status.
- 3. 2025 Market Value of Assets** – Updating the projection with actual investment returns of 11.31% for the Fiscal Year (FY) ending June 30, 2025. Actual investment returns were higher than the assumed return of 5.00%. This update resulted in an additional 10% increase to the estimated program funded status.

The expected short-term offsetting unit use value for the 2026 FY is \$118 million. Put another way, this figure represents the expected dollar outflow due to unit distribution over the following FY. This projected value is based upon the 2023 GAVR without adjustment for updated contract data or assumption changes.



Actuarial Certification

We have relied on your understanding of the accounting disclosures required to satisfy the reporting requirements of the ACFR.

The Actuarial Standards Board has not defined Actuarial Standards of Practice (ASOPs) specific to the measurement or evaluation of prepaid tuition programs. We used the ASOPs for pensions where possible to guide our analysis of GET.

We believe that the data, assumptions, methods, and calculations used in this analysis are reasonable and appropriate for the primary purpose as stated above and are in conformity with generally accepted actuarial principles and standards of practice as of the date of this letter. Please see the 2023 GAVR for additional program background, considerations for interpreting funded status, as well as sensitivity of the 2023 results.

No members of the Committee on Advanced Tuition Payment and College Savings (WA529) or their respective staff attempted to bias this work product.

The undersigned, with actuarial credentials, meet the Qualification Standards of the American Academy of Actuaries to render the actuarial opinions contained herein. While this letter is intended to be complete, we are available to provide extra guidance and explanations as needed.

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APPENDIX

Data, Assumptions, Methods, and Projection Procedure

Data

We relied on (1) participant and asset data provided by WSAC staff, and (2) asset data provided by the Washington State Investment Board (WSIB). The participant data reflects summary-level contract information through June 30, 2025. The asset data reflects actual investment returns through June 30, 2025. We used this participant and asset data to perform the projection from June 30, 2024, to June 30, 2025. For more information, please see the following tables.

Participant Data Summary		
	2024	2025
Active Contracts	66,918	65,650
Number of Outstanding Units	9,675,561	9,204,000

Change in Number of Outstanding Units	
Number of Outstanding Units at June 30, 2024	9,675,561
New Units Purchased	388,402
Units Redeemed ¹	(709,774)
Units Refunded, Defaulted, or Downgraded ²	(104,378)
Units Rolled Over to Other 529 Plans ³ or Roth IRA	(46,154)
Other	342
Number of Outstanding Units at June 30, 2025	9,204,000

Note: Total may not agree due to rounding.

¹*Includes adjustments for unused distributions in prior fiscal year.*

²*Includes total units in refunded account. Unit downgrades are performed upon customer request.*

³*Includes rollovers to WA529 Invest and other 529 plans.*



Change in the Market Value of Assets (Dollars in Millions)	
2024 Market Value of Assets	\$1,754
2024 Funds Held in State Treasury Account*	(\$0)
2024 WSIB Reported Assets	\$1,754
Revenue	
Lump Sum Unit Purchases	\$48
Custom Monthly Unit Purchases	11
Investment Return	195
Other Revenue	0
Total Revenue	\$254
Disbursements	
Refunds	(\$11)
Redemptions	(88)
Contribution Guarantee	(1)
Other Disbursements	(16)
Total Disbursements	(\$115)
Net Cash Flow (Revenue + Disbursements)	\$139
2025 WSIB Reported Assets	\$1,893
2025 Funds Held in State Treasury Account*	\$4
2025 Market Value of Assets	\$1,897

Note: Totals may not agree due to rounding.

**Additional funds available to pay program obligations.*

Administrative Expenses		
	2024*	2025**
PV of Administrative Expenses	\$32,762,983	\$21,858,687

**Based on Projection Procedure and the 2023 GAVR.*

***Decrease in 2025 figure due to methodology updates for projected administrative expenses by WSAC staff.*

Assumptions and Methods

The estimated Present Value of Obligations (PVO) and Present Value of Receivables (PVR) on June 30, 2025, rely on assumptions for future tuition growth and investment returns. Based on updated information from WSIB and our biennial study on economic assumptions for the pension systems, we reviewed and increased both the tuition growth and investment return assumptions since the prior measurement date.

- ❖ The change to the short-term tuition growth assumption is based primarily on changes in median wage growth, and its impact to tuition growth calculations under RCW 28B.95.030(7)(b). The change to our long-term tuition growth assumption is informed by reviewing external, long-term inflation projections that have generally increased since the last time we reviewed this assumption; please see our [2025 Economic](#)



[Experience Study](#) for more details. We increased our long-term tuition growth assumption by 0.2% per year.

- ❖ The new investment return assumption relies on information provided by WSIB, including their 2025 Capital Market Assumptions, as well as our professional judgment. For both assumptions, we relied on the same assumption-setting approach described in the 2023 GAVR and the 2021 *GET Experience Study*. We increased our investment return assumption by 0.40% per year.

Key Assumptions			
	2026-27	2027-29	2029-30+
Tuition Growth	3.30%	3.40%	4.35%
Investment Return	5.40%	5.40%	5.40%

Unless noted otherwise in this letter, all other assumptions and methods remain unchanged from those disclosed in the 2023 GAVR or the 2021 *GET Experience Study*.

Projection Procedure

We employ the following procedure each year to project the prior FY-end results forward one year.

This procedure will not produce results that match the results of a full actuarial valuation but will provide reasonable estimates within the time available to produce the results for state financial reporting.

Present Value of Obligations

We calculated the projected results by making the following adjustments to the prior FY-end PVO:

1. Interest on prior year's Present Value (PV) of tuition equal to prior year's PV of tuition multiplied by the annual assumed rate of investment return for that measurement. Additionally, an interest adjustment is applied to the items listed below.
2. Increase for any new units sold since the last measurement. The increase will equal (a) the expected cost of tuition in the unit price from last year multiplied by (b) the number of new units sold.
3. Decrease for the total number of actual units redeemed since the last measurement, multiplied by the estimated per unit PV liability of those units.
4. Adjustment for other known data changes since the prior actuarial valuation not already reflected above, e.g., refunded units.



5. Assumption, method, and/or program changes since the last measurement.

Fund Value

The current FY-end MVA will equal the amount reported by WSIB plus the amount held by the Treasury that's reported by GET. In other words, this does not represent a projection.

Present Value of Monthly Contract Receivables

The current FY-end PVR will equal the prior FY-end PVR plus the following adjustments:

1. Interest on prior year's PVR equal to prior year's PVR multiplied by the annual assumed rate of investment return for that measurement. Additionally, an interest adjustment is applied to the items listed below.
2. Decrease the PVR by the total amount of actual custom monthly payments received during the last year.
3. Adjustment for other known data changes since the prior actuarial valuation not already reflected above, e.g., defaulted contracts.
4. Assumption, method, and/or program changes since the last measurement.