

**Department of Planning and Budget**  
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**State Fiscal Impact Statement**

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**ORIGINAL**

**Bill Number:** SB1229S1

**Patron:** Aird

**Bill Title:** Public institutions of higher education; student exchange programs; tuition and mandatory fee waivers; conditions.

**Bill Summary:** Clarifies that tuition and mandatory fees may be waived for an inbound student enrolled in a public institution of higher education through a formalized student exchange program between such institution and another institution of higher education, provided that the number of inbound foreign students does not exceed the number of outbound students paying full tuition and mandatory fees to the public institution of higher education under the provisions of the exchange program for a given three-year period. Also clarifies how public institutions of higher education may determine the number of inbound and outbound students. Current law permits tuition and mandatory fees to be waived for a student from a foreign country enrolled in a public institution of higher education through a student exchange program approved by such institution, provided that the number of students from a foreign country for whom tuition and mandatory fees has been waived does not exceed during any three-year period the number of students from a foreign country who are enrolled through such student exchange program and who pay full tuition and mandatory fees to the institution.

**Budget Amendment Necessary:** No

**Items Impacted:** None

**Fiscal Summary:** Responding public IHEs anticipate any fiscal impact to adhere to the provisions of this bill are absorbable at this time.

**Other:** This fiscal impact is preliminary and based on feedback from public IHEs as of the date of publication. This bill is identical to HB2156H1.