



## Planning and Budgeting Brief

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Subject: **Statewide Editorials in Support of Funding for Public Baccalaureate Institutions and Tuition Increases, March 31-April 8**

*The Seattle Times, April 8*

[Keep the "higher" in higher education](#)

In a guest editorial, UW President Mark Emmert advocates that the state's public universities be given more flexibility on handling tuition increases to help address budget cuts.

*Seattle pi.com, April 8*

[Reality-challenged legislators threaten our universities](#)

Columnist David Horsey compares the state's public universities to the geese that laid golden eggs. He calls the proposed cuts to higher education, "Dumb, dumb, dumb."

*Yakima Herald-Republic, April 8*

[State higher ed cuts run counter to need](#)

The Herald-Republic editorial board decries the budget proposals for higher education cuts in both the house and senate, saying the tradition of providing access is under assault, and that the future prosperity of the state is threatened.

*Everett Herald, April 5*

[Tuition rates must go higher](#)

The Herald editorial board writes: "If Washington is to emerge from the recession and the current budget crisis with a stable, competitive economy, state budget negotiators must minimize the damage to higher education."

*The News Tribune, April 5*

[House, Senate threaten too much ruin to higher ed](#)

The News Tribune editorial board writes: "If lawmakers must swing a wrecking ball into Washington's higher education system, they should at least pad it with more tuition money."

*KING-TV, April 1*

[Emmert: UW could lose 1/3 of state funding](#)

Both the Washington state House and Senate budget plans call for major cuts in funding for higher education this year. University of Washington President Mark Emmert said Wednesday that the cuts are roughly one-third of the money the UW gets from the state.