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By House Committee on Higher Education (originally sponsored by Representatives Jones, Basich, Hargrove, Jacobsen, Riley, Fuhrman, R. Johnson, Wilson, Wineberry, Morris, Miller, Wynne, Wood, D. Sommers, Roland, Brumsickle, Rasmussen, Sprenkle and Orr).

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1 AN ACT Relating to higher education; adding new sections to chapter
2 28B.50 RCW; adding new sections to chapter 28B.80 RCW; creating a new
3 section; making appropriations; and declaring an emergency.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** It is the intent of the legislature to
6 provide:

7 (1) Training and retraining opportunities for timber workers;

8 (2) Additional opportunities for dislocated timber workers and
9 residents of timber-distressed counties to attend local community
10 colleges;

11 (3) Educational opportunities to displaced timber workers who
12 reside in areas where access to a four-year institution of higher
13 education is not available;

14 (4) Educational opportunities in those communities that are most
15 severely impacted by job losses in the timber industry; and

1 (5) A means for dislocated timber workers to remain gainfully
2 employed within their communities.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 28B.50 RCW
4 to read as follows:

5 Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions in
6 this section apply throughout sections 3 through 7 of this act.

7 (1) "Board" means the state board for community college education.

8 (2) "Dislocated timber worker" means any individual who: (a) Has
9 been terminated or received a notice of termination from employment in
10 a timber-related occupation within standard industrial code 024; or
11 (b) is eligible for or has exhausted entitlement to unemployment
12 compensation benefits; or (c) is unlikely to return to employment in
13 the individual's principal occupation or previous industry because of
14 a diminishing demand for his or her skills in that occupation or
15 industry; and (d) at the time of separation from employment, resided in
16 or was employed in a timber-distressed county.

17 (3) "Timber-distressed counties" means those counties that meet two
18 of the following three criteria: (a) A lumber and wood products
19 location quotient equal to or greater than the state average during the
20 prior twelve months; (b) direct lumber and wood products job loss of
21 one hundred jobs or more in the prior twelve-month period; or (c) a
22 county annual insured employment rate that is twenty percent above the
23 state annual insured unemployment rate for the prior calendar year.

24 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 28B.50 RCW
25 to read as follows:

26 The state board for community college education shall administer a
27 program designed to provide higher education opportunities to

1 dislocated timber workers or their spouses. In administering the
2 program, the board shall have the following powers and duties:

3 (1) Appoint an advisory committee to assist the board in program
4 design and funding distribution;

5 (2) Allocate funding to community colleges attended by eligible
6 dislocated timber workers;

7 (3) Monitor the program and report on students' progress and
8 outcome; and

9 (4) Report to the legislature by December 1, 1993, on the status of
10 the program.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** A new section is added to chapter 28B.50 RCW
12 to read as follows:

13 In addition to the community college enrollment level funded by the
14 omnibus appropriations act for the biennium ending June 30, 1993, the
15 community college system is authorized to serve five hundred full-time
16 equivalent students per year. Under this program, the community
17 colleges shall waive the tuition, services, and activities fees for
18 dislocated timber workers or their spouses, enrolled as one of the
19 full-time equivalent students allocated under this section, who do not
20 receive federal tuition assistance for retraining, provided the
21 dislocated timber worker provides verification of the following
22 conditions:

23 (1) The dislocated timber worker, within the five years before
24 enrolling as a student, was employed in the timber industry on a full-
25 time basis for at least six months each year; and

26 (2) The unemployment of the dislocated timber worker is due to
27 reduction in work force and not misconduct of the timber worker;

1 The dislocated timber workers or their spouses are eligible to receive
2 waivers for a total of six quarters within a two-year time period and
3 must be enrolled for a minimum of ten credits per quarter.

4 Dislocated timber workers or their spouses shall receive priority
5 for the full-time equivalent student allocations authorized under this
6 section. Remaining allocations may be distributed to others in a
7 timber-distressed county.

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** A new section is added to chapter 28B.80 RCW
9 to read as follows:

10 The higher education coordinating board shall administer a program
11 designed to provide upper division higher education opportunities to
12 dislocated timber workers, their spouses, and others in
13 timber-distressed counties. In administering the program, the board
14 shall have the following powers and duties:

15 (1) Distribute funding for an institution of higher education to
16 service Clallam county;

17 (2) Appoint an advisory committee to assist the board in program
18 design and future project selection;

19 (3) Monitor the program and report on student progress and outcome;
20 and

21 (4) Report to the legislature by December 1, 1993, on the status of
22 the program.

23 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** A new section is added to chapter 28B.80 RCW
24 to read as follows:

25 In consultation with Peninsula College, the higher education
26 coordinating board shall contract with an institution of higher
27 education to provide upper division classes to serve fifty full-time
28 equivalent students per year in Clallam county. The institution shall

1 utilize telecommunication technology, if available, to carry out the
2 purposes of this section. The institution providing the service shall
3 waive the tuition, service, and activities fees for dislocated timber
4 workers or their spouses enrolled as one of the full-time equivalent
5 students allocated to the college under this section, provided the
6 dislocated timber worker provides verification of the following
7 conditions:

8 (1) The dislocated timber worker, within the five years before
9 enrolling as a student, was employed in the timber industry on a full-
10 time basis for at least six months of each year; and

11 (2) The unemployment of the dislocated timber worker is due to
12 reduction in work force and not misconduct of the timber worker;
13 The dislocated timber worker or his or her spouse is eligible to
14 receive waivers for a total of four semesters or quarters within a two-
15 year time period and must be enrolled for a minimum of twelve credits
16 per semester or quarter.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** A new section is added to chapter 28B.80 RCW
18 to read as follows:

19 Dislocated timber workers and their spouses shall receive priority
20 for attendance in upper division courses allocated under section 6 of
21 this act, offered in Clallam county. Remaining allocations may be
22 distributed to others in the timber-distressed county.

23 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 8.** The sum of two million nine hundred
24 thirty-eight thousand dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary,
25 is appropriated for the biennium ending June 30, 1993, from the general
26 fund to the state board for community college education to carry out
27 the purposes of sections 3 and 4 of this act.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 9.** The sum of five hundred forty-six
2 thousand dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, is
3 appropriated for the biennium ending June 30, 1993, from the general
4 fund to the higher education coordinating board to carry out the
5 purposes of sections 5 through 7 of this act.

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 10.** This act is necessary for the immediate
7 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
8 state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take
9 effect immediately.