

1 **SSB 5162 - H AMD 899 ADOPTED 4/20/95**

2 By Representative Carlson

3 Strike everything after the enacting clause, set aside
4 all previous amendments to the bill, and insert the following:

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6 "Sec. 1. RCW 28B.15.620 and 1994 c 208 s 1 are each amended
7 to read as follows:

8 (1) The legislature finds that military and naval veterans who
9 have served their country in wars on foreign soil have risked their
10 own lives to defend both the lives of all Americans and the
11 freedoms that define and distinguish our nation. The legislature
12 also finds that veterans of the Vietnam conflict suffered during
13 and after the war as the country anguished over its involvement in
14 the conflict. It is the intent of the legislature to honor Vietnam
15 veterans for the public service they have provided to their
16 country. It is the further intent of the legislature that, for
17 eligible Vietnam veterans, colleges and universities waive tuition
18 and fee increases that have occurred since October 1, 1977.

19 (2) Subject to the limitations of RCW 28B.15.910, the
20 governing boards of the state universities, the regional
21 universities, The Evergreen State College, and the community
22 colleges may exempt veterans of the Vietnam conflict who have
23 served in the southeast Asia theater of operations from the payment
24 of all or a portion of any increase in tuition and fees that occur
25 after October 1, 1977, if the veteran qualifies as a resident
26 student under RCW 28B.15.012(, was enrolled in state institutions
27 of higher education on or before May 7, 1990, and meets the
28 requirements of subsection (2) of this section)).

29 ((2) Beginning with the fall academic term of 1994, veterans
30 receiving the exemption under subsection (1) of this section must
31 meet these additional requirements:

1 ~~(a) Remain continuously enrolled for seven or more quarter~~
2 ~~credits per academic term or their equivalent, except summer term~~
3 ~~and not including community service courses;~~

4 ~~(b) Have an adjusted gross family income as most recently~~
5 ~~reported to the internal revenue service that does not exceed~~
6 ~~Washington state's median family income as established by the~~
7 ~~federal bureau of the census; and~~

8 ~~(c) Have exhausted all entitlement to federal vocational or~~
9 ~~educational benefits conferred by virtue of their military~~
10 ~~service.))~~

11 (3) For the purposes of this section, "veterans of the Vietnam
12 conflict" shall be those persons who have been on active federal
13 service as a member of the armed military or ~~((navel))~~ naval forces
14 of the United States between a period commencing August 5, 1964,
15 and ending on May 7, 1975.

16 (4) This section shall expire June 30, ~~((1997))~~ 1999."

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21 On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "veterans;" strike the
22 remainder of the title and insert "and amending RCW 28B.15.620."

EFFECT: An intent subsection is adopted. It is the intent of the Legislature that institutions of higher education waive tuition and fee increases for Vietnam veterans. Institutions may waive all or a portion of any tuition and fee increase that has occurred since October 1, 1977. The requirement in current law is removed that veterans must have enrolled before May 7, 1990 in order to receive the waiver. The expiration date for the waiver program is moved from June 30, 1997 to June 30, 1999.