

2 **SSB 5162** - H COMM AMD
3 By Committee on Higher Education

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5 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
6 following:

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

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

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

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

35 ~~(b) Have an adjusted gross family income as most recently reported~~
36 ~~to the internal revenue service that does not exceed Washington state's~~

1 median family income as established by the federal bureau of the
2 census; and

3 (c) ~~Have exhausted all entitlement to federal vocational or~~
4 ~~educational benefits conferred by virtue of their military service)).~~
5 Institutions shall give priority in granting the waivers to any veteran
6 defined under this section who could have qualified as a Washington
7 resident student under RCW 28B.15.012(2) had he or she been enrolled as
8 a student at the time he or she entered military or naval service. In
9 addition, to receive a tuition and fees waiver under this subsection,
10 the veteran must have an adjusted gross family income as most recently
11 reported to the federal internal revenue service that is lower than
12 Washington state's median family income as established by the federal
13 bureau of the census.

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

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

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

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