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By House Committee on Higher Education (originally sponsored by Representatives Carlson, Radcliff, Dunn and O'Brien)

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1 AN ACT Relating to tuition waivers; amending RCW 28B.15.558; and
2 repealing RCW 28B.15.535.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28B.15.558 and 1996 c 305 s 3 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) The governing boards of the state universities, the regional
7 universities, The Evergreen State College, and the community colleges
8 may waive all or a portion of the tuition and services and activities
9 fees for state employees as defined under subsection (2) of this
10 section and members of the Washington national guard. The enrollment
11 of these persons is pursuant to the following conditions:

12 (a) Such ((~~state employees~~)) persons shall register for and be
13 enrolled in courses on a space available basis and no new course
14 sections shall be created as a result of the registration;

15 (b) Enrollment information on ((~~state employees~~)) persons
16 registered pursuant to this section shall be maintained separately from
17 other enrollment information and shall not be included in official
18 enrollment reports, nor shall such ((~~state employees~~)) persons be

1 considered in any enrollment statistics (~~(which)~~) that would affect
2 budgetary determinations; and

3 (c) (~~(State employees)~~) Persons registering on a space available
4 basis shall be charged a registration fee of not less than five
5 dollars.

6 (2) For the purposes of this section, "state employees" means
7 persons employed half-time or more in one or more of the following
8 employee classifications:

9 (a) Permanent employees (~~(employed half-time or more)~~) in
10 classified service under chapter 41.06 RCW;

11 (b) Permanent employees (~~(employed half-time or more who are)~~)
12 governed by chapter 41.56 RCW pursuant to the exercise of the option
13 under RCW 41.56.201;

14 (c) Permanent classified employees and exempt paraprofessional
15 employees of technical colleges (~~(employed half-time or more)~~); and
16 (~~(nonacademic)~~)

17 (d) Faculty, counselors, librarians, and exempt professional and
18 administrative employees (~~(and members of the faculties and~~
19 ~~instructional staff employed half-time or more)~~) at institutions of
20 higher education as defined in RCW 28B.10.016.

21 (3) In awarding waivers, an institution of higher education may
22 award waivers to eligible persons employed by the institution before
23 considering waivers for eligible persons who are not employed by the
24 institution.

25 (4) If an institution of higher education exercises the authority
26 granted under this section, it shall include all eligible state
27 employees and members of the Washington national guard in the pool of
28 persons eligible to participate in the program.

29 (5) In establishing eligibility to receive waivers, institutions of
30 higher education may not discriminate between full-time employees and
31 employees who are employed half-time or more.

32 NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. RCW 28B.15.535 and 1996 c 6 s 1, 1992 c 231
33 s 15, 1985 c 390 s 28, 1983 c 220 s 1, & 1979 c 82 s 2 are each
34 repealed.

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