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1 AN ACT Relating to the western interstate commission for higher
2 education western undergraduate exchange program; amending RCW
3 28B.15.910; adding a new section to chapter 28B.15 RCW; and creating a
4 new section.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that policies that
7 encourage regional planning and access to higher education benefit both
8 the students and the state. Such policies improve access, reduce
9 unnecessary duplication, and make higher education more cost-effective.
10 The western undergraduate exchange program, coordinated by the western
11 interstate commission for higher education is a program through which
12 students in participating states may enroll in designated institutions
13 in other participating states at a special, reduced tuition level.
14 During the 1998-99 school year institutions in fifteen western states
15 participated in the western undergraduate exchange program, including
16 Washington's bordering states of Oregon and Idaho. Eastern Washington
17 University participated on a pilot basis. It is the intent of the
18 legislature to permit Washington's institutions of higher education

1 located in counties bordering Oregon and Idaho to participate in the
2 western undergraduate exchange program.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 28B.15 RCW
4 to read as follows:

5 (1) Subject to the limitations of RCW 28B.15.910, the governing
6 board of Washington State University may waive all or a portion of the
7 difference between fifty percent of the resident tuition and fees
8 amount and the nonresident tuition fees differential for residents of
9 Idaho and Oregon who enroll at its Pullman, Spokane, or Vancouver
10 campuses under the western interstate commission for higher education
11 undergraduate exchange program.

12 (2) Subject to the limitations of RCW 28B.15.910, the governing
13 board of Eastern Washington University may waive all or a portion of
14 the difference between fifty percent of the resident tuition and fees
15 amount and the nonresident tuition fees differential for residents of
16 Idaho and Oregon who enroll under the western interstate commission for
17 higher education undergraduate exchange program.

18 **Sec. 3.** RCW 28B.15.910 and 1998 c 346 s 904 are each amended to
19 read as follows:

20 (1) Except for revenue waived under programs listed in subsection
21 (3) of this section, and unless otherwise expressly provided in the
22 omnibus state appropriations act, the total amount of operating fees
23 revenue waived, exempted, or reduced by a state university, a regional
24 university, The Evergreen State College, or the community colleges as
25 a whole, shall not exceed the percentage of total gross authorized
26 operating fees revenue set forth below. As used in this section,
27 "gross authorized operating fees revenue" means the estimated gross
28 operating fees revenue as estimated under RCW 82.33.020 or as revised
29 by the office of financial management, before granting any waivers.
30 This limitation applies to all tuition waiver programs established
31 before or after July 1, 1992.

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| 32 | (a) University of Washington | 21 percent |
| 33 | (b) Washington State University | ((20)) <u>21</u> percent |
| 34 | (c) Eastern Washington University | ((11)) <u>14</u> percent |
| 35 | (d) Central Washington University | 8 percent |
| 36 | (e) Western Washington University | 10 percent |
| 37 | (f) The Evergreen State College | 6 percent |

1 (g) Community colleges as a whole 35 percent

2 (2) The limitations in subsection (1) of this section apply to
3 waivers, exemptions, or reductions in operating fees contained in the
4 following:

5 (a) RCW 28B.10.265;

6 (b) RCW 28B.15.014;

7 (c) RCW 28B.15.100;

8 (d) RCW 28B.15.225;

9 (e) RCW 28B.15.380;

10 (f) RCW 28B.15.520;

11 (g) RCW 28B.15.526;

12 (h) RCW 28B.15.527;

13 (i) RCW 28B.15.543;

14 (j) RCW 28B.15.545;

15 (k) RCW 28B.15.555;

16 (l) RCW 28B.15.556;

17 (m) RCW 28B.15.615;

18 (n) RCW 28B.15.620;

19 (o) RCW 28B.15.628;

20 (p) RCW 28B.15.730;

21 (q) RCW 28B.15.740;

22 (r) RCW 28B.15.750;

23 (s) RCW 28B.15.756;

24 (t) RCW 28B.50.259;

25 (u) RCW 28B.70.050;

26 (v) RCW 28B.80.580; and

27 (w) (~~During the 1997-99 fiscal biennium, the western interstate~~
28 ~~commission for higher education undergraduate exchange program for~~
29 ~~students attending Eastern Washington University.~~) Section 2 of this
30 act.

31 (3) The limitations in subsection (1) of this section do not apply
32 to waivers, exemptions, or reductions in services and activities fees
33 contained in the following:

34 (a) RCW 28B.15.522;

35 (b) RCW 28B.15.540; and

36 (c) RCW 28B.15.558.

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