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By Representatives Veloria, Santos, Wolfe, Cody, McIntire, DeBolt, Dickerson, Radcliff, Edmonds, Ruderman and Quall

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1 AN ACT Relating to waiving all or part of the tuition, services,
2 and activities fees at institutions of higher education; and amending
3 RCW 28B.15.558.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28B.15.558 and 1997 c 211 s 1 are each amended to read
6 as follows:

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

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

17 (b) Enrollment information on persons registered pursuant to this
18 section shall be maintained separately from other enrollment
19 information and shall not be included in official enrollment reports,

1 nor shall such persons be considered in any enrollment statistics that
2 would affect budgetary determinations; and

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

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

8 (a) Permanent employees in classified service under chapter 41.06
9 RCW;

10 (b) Permanent employees governed by chapter 41.56 RCW pursuant to
11 the exercise of the option under RCW 41.56.201;

12 (c) Permanent classified employees and exempt paraprofessional
13 employees of technical colleges; and

14 (d) Faculty, counselors, librarians, and exempt professional and
15 administrative employees at institutions of higher education as defined
16 in RCW 28B.10.016.

17 (3) In awarding waivers, an institution of higher education may
18 award waivers to eligible persons employed by the institution before
19 considering waivers for eligible persons who are not employed by the
20 institution.

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

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

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