
SENATE BILL 5784

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By Senators Sheahan, Jacobsen, Kohl-Welles and Bauer

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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 to
19 participate in the western undergraduate exchange program.

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

3 Subject to the limitations of RCW 28B.15.910, the governing boards
4 of Washington State University, Eastern Washington University, and
5 Central Washington University may waive all or a portion of the
6 difference between fifty percent of the resident tuition and fees
7 amount and the nonresident tuition fees differential for nonresident
8 students who enroll under the western interstate commission for higher
9 education western undergraduate exchange program.

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

12 (1) Except for revenue waived under programs listed in subsections
13 (3) and (4) of this section, and unless otherwise expressly provided in
14 the omnibus state appropriations act, the total amount of operating
15 fees revenue waived, exempted, or reduced by a state university, a
16 regional university, The Evergreen State College, or the community
17 colleges as a whole, shall not exceed the percentage of total gross
18 authorized operating fees revenue (~~set forth below~~) in this
19 subsection. As used in this section, "gross authorized operating fees
20 revenue" means the estimated gross operating fees revenue as estimated
21 under RCW 82.33.020 or as revised by the office of financial
22 management, before granting any waivers. This limitation applies to
23 all tuition waiver programs established before or after July 1, 1992.

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| 24 (a) University of Washington | 21 percent |
| 25 (b) Washington State University | 20 percent |
| 26 (c) Eastern Washington University | 11 percent |
| 27 (d) Central Washington University | 8 percent |
| 28 (e) Western Washington University | 10 percent |
| 29 (f) The Evergreen State College | 6 percent |
| 30 (g) Community colleges as a whole | 35 percent |

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

- 34 (a) RCW 28B.10.265;
- 35 (b) RCW 28B.15.014;
- 36 (c) RCW 28B.15.100;
- 37 (d) RCW 28B.15.225;
- 38 (e) RCW 28B.15.380;

- 1 (f) RCW 28B.15.520;
- 2 (g) RCW 28B.15.526;
- 3 (h) RCW 28B.15.527;
- 4 (i) RCW 28B.15.543;
- 5 (j) RCW 28B.15.545;
- 6 (k) RCW 28B.15.555;
- 7 (l) RCW 28B.15.556;
- 8 (m) RCW 28B.15.615;
- 9 (n) RCW 28B.15.620;
- 10 (o) RCW 28B.15.628;
- 11 (p) RCW 28B.15.730;
- 12 (q) RCW 28B.15.740;
- 13 (r) RCW 28B.15.750;
- 14 (s) RCW 28B.15.756;
- 15 (t) RCW 28B.50.259;
- 16 (u) RCW 28B.70.050;
- 17 (v) RCW 28B.80.580; and

18 (w) During the 1997-99 fiscal biennium, the western interstate
19 commission for higher education undergraduate exchange program for
20 students attending Eastern Washington University.

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

- 24 (a) RCW 28B.15.522;
- 25 (b) RCW 28B.15.540; and
- 26 (c) RCW 28B.15.558.

27 (4) The total amount of operating fees revenue waived, exempted, or
28 reduced by institutions of higher education participating in the
29 western interstate commission for higher education western
30 undergraduate exchange program under section 2 of this act shall not
31 exceed the percentage of total gross authorized operating fees revenue
32 in this subsection.

33	<u>(a) Washington State University</u>	<u>1 percent</u>
34	<u>(b) Eastern Washington University</u>	<u>3 percent</u>
35	<u>(c) Central Washington University</u>	<u>3 percent</u>

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