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1 AN ACT Relating to tuition waivers for certificated instructional
2 staff; amending RCW 28B.15.910; and adding a new section to chapter
3 28B.15 RCW.

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

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

7 (1) Subject to the limitations of RCW 28B.15.910, the governing
8 boards of the state universities, the regional universities, and The
9 Evergreen State College may waive up to half of all tuition and fees
10 established under this chapter for certificated instructional staff who
11 are either teaching or employed as educational staff associates in the
12 state's public schools and who are enrolled in a program leading to a
13 master's degree.

14 (2) When awarding any tuition and fee waiver authorized under this
15 chapter, the state universities, regional universities, and The
16 Evergreen State College shall give priority to certificated
17 instructional staff who qualify for a waiver under subsection (1) of
18 this section.

1 **Sec. 2.** RCW 28B.15.910 and 2000 c 152 s 3 are each amended to read
2 as follows:

3 (1) For the purpose of providing state general fund support to
4 public institutions of higher education, except for revenue waived
5 under programs listed in subsections (3) and (4) of this section, and
6 unless otherwise expressly provided in the omnibus state appropriations
7 act, the total amount of operating fees revenue waived, exempted, or
8 reduced by a state university, a regional university, The Evergreen
9 State College, or the community colleges as a whole, shall not exceed
10 the percentage of total gross authorized operating fees revenue in this
11 subsection. As used in this section, "gross authorized operating fees
12 revenue" means the estimated gross operating fees revenue as estimated
13 under RCW 82.33.020 or as revised by the office of financial
14 management, before granting any waivers. This limitation applies to
15 all tuition waiver programs established before or after July 1, 1992.

16	(a) University of Washington	21 percent
17	(b) Washington State University	20 percent
18	(c) Eastern Washington University	11 percent
19	(d) Central Washington University	8 percent
20	(e) Western Washington University	10 percent
21	(f) The Evergreen State College	6 percent
22	(g) Community colleges as a whole	35 percent

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

- 26 (a) RCW 28B.10.265;
- 27 (b) RCW 28B.15.014;
- 28 (c) RCW 28B.15.100;
- 29 (d) RCW 28B.15.225;
- 30 (e) RCW 28B.15.380;
- 31 (f) RCW 28B.15.520;
- 32 (g) RCW 28B.15.526;
- 33 (h) RCW 28B.15.527;
- 34 (i) RCW 28B.15.543;
- 35 (j) RCW 28B.15.545;
- 36 (k) RCW 28B.15.555;
- 37 (l) RCW 28B.15.556;
- 38 (m) RCW 28B.15.615;
- 39 (n) RCW 28B.15.620;

- 1 (o) RCW 28B.15.628;
- 2 (p) RCW 28B.15.730;
- 3 (q) RCW 28B.15.740;
- 4 (r) RCW 28B.15.750;
- 5 (s) RCW 28B.15.756;
- 6 (t) RCW 28B.50.259;
- 7 (u) RCW 28B.70.050;
- 8 (v) Section 1 of this act;
- 9 (w) RCW 28B.80.580; and

10 (~~(w)~~) (x) During the 1997-99 fiscal biennium, the western
11 interstate commission for higher education undergraduate exchange
12 program for students attending Eastern Washington University.

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

- 16 (a) RCW 28B.15.522;
- 17 (b) RCW 28B.15.540; and
- 18 (c) RCW 28B.15.558.

19 (4) The total amount of operating fees revenue waived, exempted, or
20 reduced by institutions of higher education participating in the
21 western interstate commission for higher education western
22 undergraduate exchange program under RCW 28B.15.544 shall not exceed
23 the percentage of total gross authorized operating fees revenue in this
24 subsection.

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| 25 (a) Washington State University | 1 percent |
| 26 (b) Eastern Washington University | 3 percent |
| 27 (c) Central Washington University | 3 percent |

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