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By Senators Shin, Sheahan, Franklin, Rasmussen, Costa, Horn, Prentice, Brown, Morton, Fairley, Constantine, McCaslin, McAuliffe and Kohl-Welles

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1 AN ACT Relating to technology fees; and amending RCW 28B.15.051.

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

3 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28B.15.051 and 1996 c 142 s 1 are each amended to read
4 as follows:

5 (1) The governing board of each of the state universities, the
6 regional universities, ((and)) The Evergreen State College, and each of
7 the community or technical colleges, upon the written agreement of its
8 respective student government association or its equivalent, may
9 establish and charge each enrolled student a technology fee, separate
10 from tuition fees. During the 1996-97 academic year, any technology
11 fee shall not exceed one hundred twenty dollars for a full-time
12 student. Any technology fee charged to a part-time student shall be
13 calculated as a pro rata share of the fee charged to a full-time
14 student.

15 (2) Revenue from this fee and the state general fund match shall be
16 used exclusively for technology resources for general student use.

17 (3) Only changes in the amount of the student technology fee agreed
18 upon by both the governing board and its respective student government
19 association or its equivalent shall be used to adjust the amount

1 charged to students. Changes in the amount charged to students, once
2 implemented, become the basis for future changes.

3 (4) Annually, the student government association or its equivalent
4 may abolish the fee by a majority vote. In the event of such a vote,
5 the student government association or its equivalent shall notify the
6 governing board of the institution. The fee shall cease being
7 collected the term after the student government association or its
8 equivalent voted to eliminate the fee.

9 (5) The student government association or its equivalent shall
10 approve the annual expenditure plan for the fee revenue.

11 (6) After one year of collection and expenditures, the technology
12 fees collected by each of the colleges or universities shall be matched
13 by the state on a dollar-for-dollar basis. The maximum annual state
14 general fund match per campus shall be four hundred fifty thousand
15 dollars.

16 (7) The universities ((and)), The Evergreen State College, and the
17 community and technical colleges shall deposit three and one-half
18 percent of revenues from the technology fee, including the state
19 general fund match, into the institutional financial aid fund under RCW
20 28B.15.820.

21 ((+7)) (8) As used in this section, "technology fee" is a fee
22 charged to students to recover, in whole or in part, the costs of
23 providing and maintaining services to students that include, but need
24 not be limited to: Access to the internet and world wide web, e-mail,
25 computer and multimedia work stations and laboratories, computer
26 software, and dial-up telephone services.

27 ((+8)) (9) Prior to the establishment of a technology fee, a
28 governing board shall provide to the student governing body a list of
29 existing fees of a similar nature or for a similar purpose. The board
30 and the student governing body shall ensure that student fees for
31 technology are not duplicative.

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