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**SENATE BILL 5552**

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**By** Senators Carlson, Kohl-Welles, Hale, B. Sheldon, Hewitt, Sheahan, Shin, Zarelli, Parlette and Horn

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1 AN ACT Relating to border county higher education opportunities;  
2 amending RCW 28B.80.805, 28B.80.806, and 28B.15.0139; and repealing  
3 1999 c 320 s 6 (uncodified).

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28B.80.805 and 1999 c 320 s 1 are each amended to read  
6 as follows:

7 (1) The legislature finds that certain tuition policies in Oregon  
8 state are more responsive to the needs of students living in economic  
9 regions that cross the state border than the Washington state policies.  
10 Under Oregon policy, students who are Washington residents may enroll  
11 at Portland State University for eight credits or less and pay the same  
12 tuition as Oregon residents. Further, the state of Oregon passed  
13 legislation in 1997 to begin providing to its community colleges the  
14 same level of state funding for students residing in bordering states  
15 as students residing in Oregon.

16 (2) The legislature intends to build on the recent Oregon  
17 initiatives regarding tuition policy for students in bordering states  
18 and to facilitate regional planning for higher education delivery by

1 creating a (~~pi~~) project on resident tuition rates in (~~four~~)  
2 Washington counties that border Oregon state.

3 **Sec. 2.** RCW 28B.80.806 and 2000 c 160 s 3 are each amended to read  
4 as follows:

5 (1) The border county higher education opportunity (~~pi~~)  
6 project is created. The purpose of the (~~pi~~) project is to allow  
7 (~~four~~) Washington institutions of higher education that are located  
8 in (~~four~~) counties on the Oregon border to implement, on a trial  
9 basis, tuition policies that correspond to Oregon policies. Under the  
10 border county (~~pi~~) project, Columbia Basin Community College,  
11 Clark Community College, Lower Columbia Community College, Grays Harbor  
12 Community College, and (~~Clark~~) Walla Walla Community College may  
13 enroll students who reside in the bordering Oregon counties of  
14 Columbia, Gilliam, Hood River, Multnomah, Clatsop, Clackamas, Morrow,  
15 Sherman, Umatilla, Union, Wallowa, Wasco, and Washington at resident  
16 tuition rates. The Tri-Cities and Vancouver (~~branch~~) branches of  
17 Washington State University may enroll students who reside in the  
18 bordering Oregon counties of Columbia, Multnomah, Clatsop, Clackamas,  
19 Morrow, Umatilla, Union, Wallowa, and Washington for eight credits or  
20 less at resident tuition rates.

21 (2) Washington institutions of higher education participating in  
22 the (~~pi~~) project shall give priority program enrollment to  
23 Washington residents.

24 **Sec. 3.** RCW 28B.15.0139 and 2000 c 160 s 2 are each amended to  
25 read as follows:

26 For the purposes of determining resident tuition rates, "resident  
27 student" includes a resident of Oregon, residing in Columbia, Gilliam,  
28 Hood River, Multnomah, Clatsop, Clackamas, Morrow, Sherman, Umatilla,  
29 Union, Wallowa, Wasco, or Washington county, who meets the following  
30 conditions:

31 (1) The student is eligible to pay resident tuition rates under  
32 Oregon laws and has been domiciled in Columbia, Gilliam, Hood River,  
33 Multnomah, Clatsop, Clackamas, Morrow, Sherman, Umatilla, Union,  
34 Wallowa, Wasco, or Washington county for at least ninety consecutive  
35 days immediately before enrollment at a community college located in  
36 Asotin, Benton, Clark, Columbia, Cowlitz, Franklin, Garfield,

1 Klickitat, Pacific, Skamania, Wahkiakum, or ((Pacific)) Walla Walla  
2 county, Washington; or  
3 (2) The student is enrolled in courses located at the Tri-Cities or  
4 Vancouver branch of Washington State University for eight credits or  
5 less.

6 NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. 1999 c 320 s 6 (uncodified) is repealed.

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