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By Senators Benton, Swecker, Kohl-Welles, Shin, Stevens, Oke, Roach and Winsley

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1 AN ACT Relating to tuition and fees charged at institutions of
2 higher education to military and naval veterans of the Korean conflict;
3 amending RCW 28B.15.910; and adding a new section to chapter 28B.15
4 RCW.

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

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

8 (1) The legislature finds that military and naval veterans who have
9 served their country in wars on foreign soil have risked their own
10 lives to defend both the lives of all Americans and the freedom that
11 define and distinguish our nation. It is the intent of the legislature
12 to honor veterans of the Korean conflict for the public service they
13 have provided to their country. It is the further intent of the
14 legislature that, for eligible Korean conflict veterans, institutions
15 of higher education waive tuition and fee increases that have occurred
16 after the 1954-55 academic year.

17 (2) Subject to the limitations of RCW 28B.15.910, the governing
18 boards of the state universities, the regional universities, The

1 Evergreen State College, and the community colleges may exempt veterans
2 of the Korean conflict from all or a portion of increases in tuition
3 and fees that occurred after the 1954-55 academic year, if the veteran
4 could have qualified as a Washington resident student under RCW
5 28B.15.012(2), had he or she been enrolled as a student during the
6 Korean conflict.

7 (3) The definitions in this subsection apply throughout this
8 section.

9 (a) "Armed forces" means the United States army, navy, marine
10 corps, air force, and coast guard, including the reserve components
11 thereof.

12 (b) "Veteran of the Korean conflict" means a person who served on
13 active duty in the armed forces of the United States during any portion
14 of the period beginning June 27, 1950, and ending January 31, 1955.

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

17 (1) For the purpose of providing state general fund support to
18 public institutions of higher education, except for revenue waived
19 under programs listed in subsections (3) and (4) of this section, and
20 unless otherwise expressly provided in the omnibus state appropriations
21 act, the total amount of operating fees revenue waived, exempted, or
22 reduced by a state university, a regional university, The Evergreen
23 State College, or the community colleges as a whole, shall not exceed
24 the percentage of total gross authorized operating fees revenue in this
25 subsection. As used in this section, "gross authorized operating fees
26 revenue" means the estimated gross operating fees revenue as estimated
27 under RCW 82.33.020 or as revised by the office of financial
28 management, before granting any waivers. This limitation applies to
29 all tuition waiver programs established before or after July 1, 1992.

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| 30 (a) University of Washington | 21 percent |
| 31 (b) Washington State University | 20 percent |
| 32 (c) Eastern Washington University | 11 percent |
| 33 (d) Central Washington University | 8 percent |
| 34 (e) Western Washington University | 10 percent |
| 35 (f) The Evergreen State College | 6 percent |
| 36 (g) Community colleges as a whole | 35 percent |

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

- 4 (a) RCW 28B.10.265;
- 5 (b) RCW 28B.15.014;
- 6 (c) RCW 28B.15.100;
- 7 (d) RCW 28B.15.225;
- 8 (e) RCW 28B.15.380;
- 9 (f) RCW 28B.15.520;
- 10 (g) RCW 28B.15.526;
- 11 (h) RCW 28B.15.527;
- 12 (i) RCW 28B.15.543;
- 13 (j) RCW 28B.15.545;
- 14 (k) RCW 28B.15.555;
- 15 (l) RCW 28B.15.556;
- 16 (m) RCW 28B.15.615;
- 17 (n) RCW 28B.15.620;
- 18 (o) RCW 28B.15.628;
- 19 (p) RCW 28B.15.730;
- 20 (q) RCW 28B.15.740;
- 21 (r) RCW 28B.15.750;
- 22 (s) RCW 28B.15.756;
- 23 (t) RCW 28B.50.259;
- 24 (u) RCW 28B.70.050; and
- 25 (v) ((~~RCW 28B.80.580~~; and
- 26 ~~(w) During the 1997-99 fiscal biennium, the western interstate~~
- 27 ~~commission for higher education undergraduate exchange program for~~
- 28 ~~students attending Eastern Washington University)) Section 1 of this~~
- 29 act.

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

- 33 (a) RCW 28B.15.522;
- 34 (b) RCW 28B.15.540; and
- 35 (c) RCW 28B.15.558.

36 (4) The total amount of operating fees revenue waived, exempted, or
37 reduced by institutions of higher education participating in the
38 western interstate commission for higher education western

1 undergraduate exchange program under RCW 28B.15.544 shall not exceed
2 the percentage of total gross authorized operating fees revenue in this
3 subsection.

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| 4 | (a) Washington State University | 1 percent |
| 5 | (b) Eastern Washington University | 3 percent |
| 6 | (c) Central Washington University | 3 percent |

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