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Sponsor(s): House Committee on Higher Education (originally sponsored by Representatives McCoy, Wallace, Morrell, Kenney and Miloscia)

Brief Description: Changing veterans' tuition waiver provisions.

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(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 2/06/04)

Provides that, subject to the limitations in RCW 28B.15.910, the governing boards of the state universities, the regional universities, The Evergreen State College, and the community colleges, may waive all or a portion of tuition and fees for the following persons: (1) An eligible veteran or national guard member;

(2) A child and the spouse of an eligible veteran or national guard member who became totally disabled as defined in RCW 28B.15.385 while engaged in active federal military or naval service, or who is determined by the federal government to be a prisoner of war or missing in action;

(3) A child and the surviving spouse of an eligible veteran or national guard member who lost his or her life while engaged in active federal military or naval service. However, upon remarriage, the surviving spouse of an eligible veteran or national guard member is ineligible for a waiver under this act.

Requires institutions of higher education, as defined in RCW 28B.10.016, to provide an enrolled student who is called to active federal service in United States military action initiated by an executive order issued by the President of the United States, and who is unable to complete the academic term in which the student is enrolled, with the option of receiving a refund of the total tuition and fees paid by the eligible student for the applicable academic term, or of being readmitted for a comparable academic term under the following conditions: (1) The eligible student shall be exempt from the payment of additional tuition and fees;

(2) No new course sections shall be created as a direct result of students receiving the waivers; and

(3) Enrollment information on students receiving the waivers shall be maintained separately from other enrollment information and shall not be considered in any enrollment statistics that would affect budgetary determinations.

Repeals RCW 28B.10.265, 28B.15.620, 28B.15.625, 28B.15.628, and 28B.15.629.