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By House Committee on Higher Education (originally sponsored by Representatives McCoy, Campbell, Morrell, Chase, Condotta, Hunt, Appleton, Hudgins, Armstrong, Hinkle, Conway, Lantz, Ormsby, Haigh and Upthegrove)

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1 AN ACT Relating to tuition waivers at institutions of higher
2 education; amending RCW 28B.15.380 and 28B.15.910; adding a new section
3 to chapter 28B.15 RCW; and repealing RCW 28B.10.265, 28B.15.620,
4 28B.15.625, 28B.15.628, and 28B.15.629.

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 active military and naval veterans,
9 reserve military and naval veterans, and national guard members called
10 to active duty have served their country and have risked their lives to
11 defend the lives of all Americans and the freedoms that define and
12 distinguish our nation. The legislature intends to honor active
13 military and naval veterans, reserve military and naval veterans, and
14 national guard members who have served on active military or naval duty
15 for the public service they have provided to this country.

16 (2) Subject to the limitations in RCW 28B.15.910, the governing
17 boards of the state universities, the regional universities, The
18 Evergreen State College, and the community colleges, may waive all or
19 a portion of tuition and fees for the following persons:

1 (a) An eligible veteran or national guard member;

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

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

12 (3) The governing boards of the state universities, the regional
13 universities, The Evergreen State College, and the community colleges,
14 may waive all or a portion of tuition and fees for a military or naval
15 veteran who is a Washington domiciliary, but who did not serve on
16 foreign soil or in international waters or in another location in
17 support of those serving on foreign soil or in international waters and
18 who does not qualify as an eligible veteran or national guard member
19 under subsection (5) of this section. However, there shall be no state
20 general fund support for waivers granted under this subsection.

21 (4) Private vocational schools and private higher education
22 institutions are encouraged to provide waivers consistent with the
23 terms in subsections (2) and (3) of this section.

24 (5) As used in this section "eligible veteran or national guard
25 member" means a Washington domiciliary who was an active or reserve
26 member of the United States military or naval forces, or a national
27 guard member called to active duty, who served in active federal
28 service in a war or conflict fought on foreign soil or in international
29 waters or in another location in support of those serving on foreign
30 soil or in international waters, and if discharged from service, has
31 received an honorable discharge.

32 **Sec. 2.** RCW 28B.15.380 and 1993 sp.s. c 18 s 10 are each amended
33 to read as follows:

34 Subject to the limitations of RCW 28B.15.910, the governing boards
35 of the state universities, the regional universities, and The Evergreen
36 State College may exempt the following students from the payment of all
37 or a portion of tuition fees and services and activities fees:

1 ~~((1) All veterans as defined in RCW 41.04.005: PROVIDED, That~~
2 ~~such persons are no longer entitled to federal vocational or~~
3 ~~educational benefits conferred by virtue of their military service:~~
4 ~~AND PROVIDED FURTHER, That if any such veterans have not resided in~~
5 ~~this state for one year prior to registration, the board may exempt the~~
6 ~~student from paying up to fifty percent of the nonresident tuition fees~~
7 ~~differential. Such exemptions may be provided only to those persons~~
8 ~~otherwise covered who were enrolled in universities on or before~~
9 ~~October 1, 1977.~~

10 (2)) Children of any law enforcement officer or fire fighter who
11 lost his or her life or became totally disabled in the line of duty
12 while employed by any public law enforcement agency or full time or
13 volunteer fire department in this state: PROVIDED, That such persons
14 may receive the exemption only if they begin their course of study at
15 a state-supported college or university within ten years of their
16 graduation from high school.

17 **Sec. 3.** RCW 28B.15.910 and 2004 c 275 s 51 are each amended to
18 read as follows:

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

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| 32 (a) University of Washington | 21 percent |
| 33 (b) Washington State University | 20 percent |
| 34 (c) Eastern Washington University | 11 percent |
| 35 (d) Central Washington University | 8 percent |
| 36 (e) Western Washington University | 10 percent |
| 37 (f) The Evergreen State College | 6 percent |

(g) Community colleges as a whole 35 percent

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

(a) (~~RCW 28B.10.265;~~

~~b))~~) RCW 28B.15.014;

~~c))~~) b) RCW 28B.15.100;

~~d))~~) c) RCW 28B.15.225;

~~e))~~) d) RCW 28B.15.380;

~~f))~~) e) RCW 28B.15.520;

~~g))~~) f) RCW 28B.15.526;

~~h))~~) g) RCW 28B.15.527;

~~i))~~) h) RCW 28B.15.543;

~~j))~~) i) RCW 28B.15.545;

~~k))~~) j) RCW 28B.15.555;

~~l))~~) k) RCW 28B.15.556;

~~m))~~) l) RCW 28B.15.615;

~~n) RCW 28B.15.620;~~

~~o) RCW 28B.15.628;~~

~~p))~~) m) RCW 28B.15.730;

~~q))~~) n) RCW 28B.15.740;

~~r))~~) o) RCW 28B.15.750;

~~s))~~) p) RCW 28B.15.756;

~~t))~~) q) RCW 28B.50.259;

~~u))~~) r) RCW 28B.70.050; and

~~v) During the 1997-99 fiscal biennium, the western interstate commission for higher education undergraduate exchange program for students attending Eastern Washington University))~~ s) Section 1 (2) and (3) of this act.

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

(a) RCW 28B.15.522;

(b) RCW 28B.15.540; and

(c) RCW 28B.15.558.

(4) The total amount of operating fees revenue waived, exempted, or reduced by institutions of higher education participating in the 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 |

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** The following acts or parts of acts are each
8 repealed:

9 (1) RCW 28B.10.265 (Waiver from fees--Children of certain citizens
10 missing in action or prisoners of war) and 1993 sp.s. c 18 s 1, 1992 c
11 231 s 2, 1985 c 390 s 1, 1973 c 63 s 2, & 1972 ex.s. c 17 s 2;

12 (2) RCW 28B.15.620 (Exemption from tuition and fees increase at
13 institutions of higher education--Vietnam veterans) and 1999 c 82 s 1,
14 1995 c 349 s 1, 1994 c 208 s 1, 1993 sp.s. c 18 s 24, 1992 c 231 s 22,
15 1989 c 306 s 4, 1983 c 307 s 1, 1979 ex.s. c 83 s 1, 1977 ex.s. c 322
16 s 9, 1972 ex.s. c 149 s 3, & 1971 ex.s. c 279 s 22;

17 (3) RCW 28B.15.625 (Rights of Washington national guard and other
18 military reserve students called to active service) and 2004 c 161 s 4
19 & 1991 c 164 s 10;

20 (4) RCW 28B.15.628 (Waiver of tuition and fees increases at
21 institutions of higher education--Persian Gulf veterans) and 1999 c 82
22 s 2, 1996 c 169 s 1, 1994 c 208 s 2, 1993 sp.s. c 18 s 25, 1992 c 231
23 s 23, & 1991 c 228 s 14; and

24 (5) RCW 28B.15.629 (Tuition waivers at technical colleges--Vietnam
25 veterans--Persian Gulf veterans) and 1999 c 82 s 3.

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