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1 AN ACT Relating to prioritizing tuition waivers for war veterans;  
2 amending RCW 28B.15.910; and creating a new section.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that active military  
5 and naval veterans, reserve military and naval veterans, and national  
6 guard members called to active duty have served their country and have  
7 risked their lives to defend the lives of all Americans and the  
8 freedoms that define and distinguish our nation. The legislature  
9 intends to honor active military and naval veterans, reserve military  
10 and naval veterans, and national guard members who have served on  
11 active military or naval duty for the public service they have provided  
12 to this country by designating to veterans a percentage of the total  
13 amount of operating fees revenue waived, exempted, or reduced by a  
14 state university, a regional university, The Evergreen State College,  
15 or the community colleges as a whole.

16 **Sec. 2.** RCW 28B.15.910 and 2004 c 275 s 51 are each amended to  
17 read as follows:

18 (1) For the purpose of providing state general fund support to

1 public institutions of higher education, except for revenue waived  
2 under programs listed in subsections (3) and (4) of this section, and  
3 unless otherwise expressly provided in the omnibus state appropriations  
4 act, the total amount of operating fees revenue waived, exempted, or  
5 reduced by a state university, a regional university, The Evergreen  
6 State College, or the community colleges as a whole, shall not exceed  
7 the percentage of total gross authorized operating fees revenue in this  
8 subsection. As used in this section, "gross authorized operating fees  
9 revenue" means the estimated gross operating fees revenue as estimated  
10 under RCW 82.33.020 or as revised by the office of financial  
11 management, before granting any waivers. This limitation applies to  
12 all tuition waiver programs established before or after July 1, 1992.

13	(a) University of Washington	21 percent
14	(b) Washington State University	20 percent
15	(c) Eastern Washington University	11 percent
16	(d) Central Washington University	8 percent
17	(e) Western Washington University	10 percent
18	(f) The Evergreen State College	6 percent
19	(g) Community colleges as a whole	35 percent

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

- 23 (a) RCW 28B.10.265;
- 24 (b) RCW 28B.15.014;
- 25 (c) RCW 28B.15.100;
- 26 (d) RCW 28B.15.225;
- 27 (e) RCW 28B.15.380;
- 28 (f) RCW 28B.15.520;
- 29 (g) RCW 28B.15.526;
- 30 (h) RCW 28B.15.527;
- 31 (i) RCW 28B.15.543;
- 32 (j) RCW 28B.15.545;
- 33 (k) RCW 28B.15.555;
- 34 (l) RCW 28B.15.556;
- 35 (m) RCW 28B.15.615;
- 36 (n) RCW 28B.15.620;
- 37 (o) RCW 28B.15.628;
- 38 (p) RCW 28B.15.730;

- 1 (q) RCW 28B.15.740;
- 2 (r) RCW 28B.15.750;
- 3 (s) RCW 28B.15.756;
- 4 (t) RCW 28B.50.259;
- 5 (u) RCW 28B.70.050; and
- 6 (v) During the 1997-99 fiscal biennium, the western interstate
- 7 commission for higher education undergraduate exchange program for
- 8 students attending Eastern Washington University.

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

- 12 (a) RCW 28B.15.522;
- 13 (b) RCW 28B.15.540; and
- 14 (c) RCW 28B.15.558.

15 (4) The total amount of operating fees revenue waived, exempted, or  
16 reduced by institutions of higher education participating in the  
17 western interstate commission for higher education western  
18 undergraduate exchange program under RCW 28B.15.544 shall not exceed  
19 the percentage of total gross authorized operating fees revenue in this  
20 subsection.

- 21 (a) Washington State University 1 percent
- 22 (b) Eastern Washington University 3 percent
- 23 (c) Central Washington University 3 percent

24 (5) Of the total amount of operating fees revenue waived, exempted,  
25 or reduced by a state university, a regional university, The Evergreen  
26 State College, or the community colleges as a whole, a total of at  
27 least ten percent shall be granted, by each institution and the  
28 community colleges as a whole, to veterans who qualify under:

- 29 (a) RCW 28B.10.265;
- 30 (b) RCW 28B.15.620;
- 31 (c) RCW 28B.15.628; or
- 32 (d) RCW 28B.15.629.

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