
HOUSE BILL 1474

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By Representatives Orcutt, Wallace, Herrera, and Moeller

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1 AN ACT Relating to the border county higher education opportunity
2 project; and amending RCW 28B.76.685 and 28B.15.0139.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28B.76.685 and 2003 c 159 s 2 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1)(a) The border county higher education opportunity project is
7 created. The purpose of the project is to allow Washington
8 institutions of higher education that are located in counties on the
9 Oregon border to implement tuition policies that correspond to Oregon
10 policies. Under the border county project, Columbia Basin Community
11 College, Clark College, Lower Columbia Community College, Grays Harbor
12 Community College, and Walla Walla Community College may enroll
13 students who reside in the bordering Oregon counties of Columbia,
14 Gilliam, Hood River, Multnomah, Clatsop, Clackamas, Morrow, Sherman,
15 Umatilla, Union, Wallowa, Wasco, and Washington at resident tuition
16 rates.

17 (b) The Tri-Cities and Vancouver branches of Washington State
18 University may enroll students who reside in the bordering Oregon

1 counties of Columbia, Multnomah, Clatsop, Clackamas, Morrow, Umatilla,
2 Union, Wallowa, and Washington for eight credits or less at resident
3 tuition rates.

4 (2) Columbia Basin Community College, Clark College, Lower Columbia
5 Community College, Grays Harbor Community College, and Walla Walla
6 Community College may enroll students at resident tuition rates who:

7 (a) Are currently domiciled in Washington;

8 (b) Relocated to Washington from one of the thirteen counties
9 identified in subsection (1)(a) of this section within the previous
10 twelve months; and

11 (c) Were domiciled in one of the thirteen counties identified in
12 subsection (1)(a) of this section for at least ninety days immediately
13 before relocating to Washington.

14 (3) The Tri-Cities and Vancouver branches of Washington State
15 University may enroll students for eight credits or less at resident
16 tuition rates who:

17 (a) Are currently domiciled in Washington;

18 (b) Relocated to Washington from one of the nine counties
19 identified in subsection (1)(b) of this section within the previous
20 twelve months; and

21 (c) Were domiciled in one of the nine counties identified in
22 subsection (1)(b) of this section for at least ninety days immediately
23 before relocating to Washington.

24 (4) Washington institutions of higher education participating in
25 the project shall give priority program enrollment to Washington
26 residents.

27 **Sec. 2.** RCW 28B.15.0139 and 2003 c 159 s 4 are each amended to
28 read as follows:

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

34 (1) The student is eligible to pay resident tuition rates under
35 Oregon laws and has been domiciled in Columbia, Gilliam, Hood River,
36 Multnomah, Clatsop, Clackamas, Morrow, Sherman, Umatilla, Union,
37 Wallowa, Wasco, or Washington county for at least ninety days

1 immediately before enrollment at a community college located in Asotin,
2 Benton, Clark, Columbia, Cowlitz, Franklin, Garfield, Klickitat,
3 Pacific, Skamania, Wahkiakum, or Walla Walla county, Washington; ((~~or~~))

4 (2) The student is enrolled in courses located at the Tri-Cities or
5 Vancouver branch of Washington State University for eight credits or
6 less; or

7 (3) The student is currently domiciled in Washington and:

8 (a) Was eligible to pay resident tuition rates under Oregon laws;
9 and

10 (b) Had been domiciled in Columbia, Gilliam, Hood River, Multnomah,
11 Clatsop, Clackamas, Morrow, Sherman, Umatilla, Union, Wallowa, Wasco,
12 or Washington county for at least ninety days immediately before being
13 domiciled in Washington.

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