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By Senators Shin, Fairley, Kastama, Sheldon, McAuliffe, Brown, Pridemore, Delvin, Hobbs, McDermott, Jarrett, Kilmer, Jacobsen, and Kohl-Welles

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1 AN ACT Relating to honorary doctorate degrees; and amending RCW  
2 28B.35.205.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28B.35.205 and 1991 c 58 s 2 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6 In addition to all other powers and duties given to them by law,  
7 Central Washington University, Eastern Washington University, and  
8 Western Washington University are hereby authorized to grant any degree  
9 through the master's degree to any student who has completed a program  
10 of study and/or research in those areas which are determined by the  
11 faculty and board of trustees of the college to be appropriate for the  
12 granting of such degree: PROVIDED, That before any degree is  
13 authorized under this section it shall be subject to the review and  
14 approval of the higher education coordinating board.

15 The board of trustees, upon recommendation of the faculty, may also  
16 confer honorary bachelor's (~~(bachelor's)~~), master's, or doctorate level degrees  
17 upon persons other than graduates of the institution, in recognition of  
18 their learning or devotion to education, literature, art, or science.

1 No degree may be conferred in consideration of the payment of money or  
2 the donation of any kind of property.

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