
SENATE BILL 6617

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By Senators Zarelli and Swecker

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1 AN ACT Relating to operating fees revenue waived, exempted, or
2 reduced; and amending RCW 28B.15.910.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28B.15.910 and 2008 c 188 s 3 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

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

19 (a) University of Washington ((21)) 16 percent

- 1 (b) Washington State University ((20)) 14 percent
- 2 (c) Eastern Washington University ((11)) 10 percent
- 3 (d) Central Washington University ((10)) 9 percent
- 4 (e) Western Washington University ((10)) 8 percent
- 5 (f) The Evergreen State College ((10)) 7 percent
- 6 (g) Community colleges as a whole ((35)) 24 percent

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

- 10 (a) RCW 28B.15.014;
- 11 (b) RCW 28B.15.100;
- 12 (c) RCW 28B.15.225;
- 13 (d) RCW 28B.15.380;
- 14 (e) RCW 28B.15.520;
- 15 (f) RCW 28B.15.526;
- 16 (g) RCW 28B.15.527;
- 17 (h) RCW 28B.15.543;
- 18 (i) RCW 28B.15.545;
- 19 (j) RCW 28B.15.555;
- 20 (k) RCW 28B.15.556;
- 21 (l) RCW 28B.15.615;
- 22 (m) ((~~RCW 28B.15.621 (2) and (4);~~
- 23 ~~(n)~~)) RCW 28B.15.730;
- 24 ((~~(o)~~)) (n) RCW 28B.15.740;
- 25 ((~~(p)~~)) (o) RCW 28B.15.750;
- 26 ((~~(q)~~)) (p) RCW 28B.15.756;
- 27 ((~~(r)~~)) (q) RCW 28B.50.259; and
- 28 ((~~(s)~~)) (r) RCW 28B.70.050.

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

- 32 (a) RCW 28B.15.522;
- 33 (b) RCW 28B.15.540;
- 34 (c) RCW 28B.15.558; and
- 35 (d) RCW 28B.15.621 (2), (3), and (4).

36 (4) The total amount of operating fees revenue waived, exempted, or
37 reduced by institutions of higher education participating in the
38 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.

4 (a) Washington State University 1 percent

5 (b) Eastern Washington University 3 percent

6 (c) Central Washington University 3 percent

7 (5) The institutions of higher education will participate in
8 outreach activities to increase the number of veterans who receive
9 tuition waivers. Colleges and universities shall revise the
10 application for admissions so that all applicants shall have the
11 opportunity to advise the institution that they are veterans who need
12 assistance. If a person indicates on the application for admissions
13 that the person is a veteran who is in need of assistance, then the
14 institution of higher education shall ask the person whether they have
15 any funds disbursed in accordance with the Montgomery GI Bill available
16 to them. Each institution shall encourage veterans to utilize funds
17 available to them in accordance with the Montgomery GI Bill prior to
18 providing the veteran a tuition waiver.

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