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1 On page 11, after line 37, insert the following:

2 "PART V
3 TUITION WAIVERS

4 **Sec. 501.** RCW 28B.15.558 and 2015 c 55 s 221 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 (1) The governing boards of the state universities, the regional
7 universities, The Evergreen State College, and the community and
8 technical colleges may waive all or a portion of the tuition and
9 services and activities fees for state employees as defined under
10 subsection (2) of this section and teachers ~~((and))~~, other
11 certificated instructional staff under subsection (3) of this
12 section, and K-12 classified staff under subsection (4) of this
13 section. The enrollment of these persons is pursuant to the following
14 conditions:

15 (a) Such persons shall register for and be enrolled in courses on
16 a space available basis and no new course sections shall be created
17 as a result of the registration;

18 (b) Enrollment information on persons registered pursuant to this
19 section shall be maintained separately from other enrollment
20 information and shall not be included in official enrollment reports,
21 nor shall such persons be considered in any enrollment statistics
22 that would affect budgetary determinations; and

23 (c) Persons registering on a space available basis shall be
24 charged a registration fee of not less than five dollars.

25 (2) For the purposes of this section, "state employees" means
26 persons employed half-time or more in one or more of the following
27 employee classifications:

28 (a) Permanent employees in classified service under chapter 41.06
29 RCW;

30 (b) Permanent employees governed by chapter 41.56 RCW pursuant to
31 the exercise of the option under RCW 41.56.201;

1 (c) Permanent classified employees and exempt paraprofessional
2 employees of technical colleges; and

3 (d) Faculty, counselors, librarians, and exempt professional and
4 administrative employees at institutions of higher education as
5 defined in RCW 28B.10.016.

6 (3) The waivers available to state employees under this section
7 shall also be available to teachers and other certificated
8 instructional staff employed at public common and vocational schools,
9 holding or seeking a valid endorsement and assignment in a state-
10 identified shortage area.

11 (4) The waivers available under this section shall also be
12 available to classified staff employed at public common and
13 vocational schools when used for coursework relevant to the work
14 assignment.

15 (5) In awarding waivers, an institution of higher education may
16 award waivers to eligible persons employed by the institution before
17 considering waivers for eligible persons who are not employed by the
18 institution.

19 ~~((+5))~~ (6) If an institution of higher education exercises the
20 authority granted under this section, it shall include all eligible
21 state employees in the pool of persons eligible to participate in the
22 program.

23 ~~((+6))~~ (7) In establishing eligibility to receive waivers,
24 institutions of higher education may not discriminate between full-
25 time employees and employees who are employed half-time or more."

26 Renumber the remaining part and sections consecutively and
27 correct any internal references accordingly.

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28 On page 1, line 4 of the title, after "28A.660.050," strike "and
29 28A.410.250" and insert "28A.410.250, and 28B.15.558"

EFFECT: Allows four-year and two-year institutions of higher
education to waive all or a portion of the tuition and services and

activities fees for public school K-12 classified staff when their coursework is relevant to their work assignment.

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