

# FINAL BILL REPORT

## SB 5826

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Synopsis as Enacted

**Brief Description:** Concerning eligibility for veteran or national guard tuition waivers.

**Sponsors:** Senators Hobbs, Zeiger, O'Ban, Conway, Fain, Keiser, Hunt and Saldaña.

**Senate Committee on Higher Education**  
**House Committee on Higher Education**

**Background:** Subject to the limitations on the total amount of operating fees that each Washington institution of higher education may waive, the institutions of higher education may waive all or a portion of tuition and fees for an eligible veteran or National Guard member. An eligible veteran or National Guard member is a Washington domiciliary who was on active or reserve duty in the United States armed forces, or a National Guard member called to active duty who served in a war or conflict fought on foreign soil or in international waters and, if discharged from service, was discharged honorably.

Washington institutions of higher education may also waive tuition for veterans or National Guard members who did not serve on foreign soil, in international waters, or in another location in support of those serving on foreign soil or international waters, but the institution receives no state general fund support for these waivers.

**Summary:** Language is removed from the definition of "eligible veteran or national guard member" to ensure that the definition includes all Washington domiciliaries who:

- were active or reserve members of the military, Navy, or National Guard; and
- were called to active duty; and
- served in active service in a war or conflict fought on foreign soil or in international waters; or
- served in support of those serving on foreign soil or in international waters; and
- if discharged from service, had an honorable discharge from service.

**Votes on Final Passage:**

Senate	47	0
House	96	0

**Effective:** July 23, 2017

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