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**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1497**

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**By** House Committee on Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives Wallace, Anderson, Sells, Hinkle, Roberts, Warnick, Buri, B. Sullivan, Priest, Hasegawa and Dunn)

READ FIRST TIME 3/5/07.

1            AN ACT Relating to increasing the operating fee waiver authority  
2 for Central Washington University; amending RCW 28B.15.910; creating a  
3 new section; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

5            **Sec. 1.** RCW 28B.15.910 and 2006 c 229 s 2 are each amended to read  
6 as follows:

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

1	(a) University of Washington	21 percent
2	(b) Washington State University	20 percent
3	(c) Eastern Washington University	11 percent
4	(d) Central Washington University	((8)) <u>10</u> percent
5	(e) Western Washington University	10 percent
6	(f) The Evergreen State College	6 percent
7	(g) Community colleges as a whole	35 percent

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

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

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

- 33 (a) RCW 28B.15.522;
- 34 (b) RCW 28B.15.540; and
- 35 (c) RCW 28B.15.558.

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.

19 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** If specific funding for the purposes of this  
20 act, referencing this act by bill or chapter number, is not provided by  
21 June 30, 2007, in the omnibus appropriations act, this act is null and  
22 void.

23 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act is necessary for the immediate  
24 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the  
25 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect  
26 July 1, 2007.

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