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Excludes fees unique to specific programs of study from the definition of "operating fees," for purposes of chapter 28B.15 RCW (college and university fees).

Exempts resident undergraduates from tuition reductions or increases made for all or portions of an institution's programs, campuses, courses, or students.

Requires the governing boards of the state universities, the regional universities, and The Evergreen State College, before establishing, reducing, or increasing fees unique to specific programs of study, to consult with existing student associations or organizations with student undergraduate and graduate representatives regarding the impacts of establishing, reducing, or increasing these fees.

Requires the state board for community and technical colleges, before establishing, reducing, or increasing fees unique to specific programs of study, to consult with existing student associations or organizations with student undergraduate representatives regarding the impacts of establishing, reducing, or increasing these fees.