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By House Committee on Higher Education (originally sponsored by Representatives Carlson, Jacobsen and Mulliken)

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1 AN ACT Relating to a tuition variance pilot program; amending RCW
2 28B.15.067 and 28B.15.066; and adding a new section to chapter 28B.15
3 RCW.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 28B.15 RCW
6 to read as follows:

7 The state universities, regional universities, and state college,
8 in cooperation with the higher education coordinating board, may engage
9 in a tuition variance pilot project, subject to the following
10 conditions:

11 (1) During the 1996-97 academic year, if the conditions of
12 subsection (3) of this section are met, each state university, regional
13 university, and state college may increase or decrease the tuition fees
14 rates mandated in RCW 28B.15.067 up to fifteen percent for students
15 enrolled in one degree program.

16 (2) During the 1997-98 academic year, if the conditions of
17 subsection (3) of this section are met, each state university, regional
18 university, and state college may increase or decrease any statutorily

1 mandated tuition fees rates by up to fifteen percent for students
2 enrolled in one degree program.

3 (3) Any institution exercising the authority granted in subsections
4 (1) and (2) of this section shall meet the following conditions:

5 (a) Acquire the approval of the higher education coordinating board
6 on its plan to charge the differential tuition fees rate before
7 students are charged that rate;

8 (b) Consult with students in the selected degree program about the
9 proposed variance. The consultation shall include a discussion of
10 options for expending any revenue raised through the exercise of this
11 authority;

12 (c) Expend any revenue raised under this project in the degree
13 program in which the revenue was raised; and

14 (d) By October 1997, report to the higher education coordinating
15 board on the results of the tuition variance pilot project.

16 By January 5, 1998, the higher education coordinating board shall
17 report on the results of the pilot project to the governor and
18 appropriate committees of the legislature. The report shall include a
19 recommendation on whether to eliminate, continue, or expand the tuition
20 variance authority.

21 **Sec. 2.** RCW 28B.15.067 and 1995 1st sp.s. c 9 s 4 are each amended
22 to read as follows:

23 (1) Tuition fees shall be established under the provisions of this
24 chapter.

25 (2) Academic year tuition for full-time students at the state's
26 institutions of higher education for the 1995-96 academic year, other
27 than the summer term, shall be as provided in this subsection.

28 (a) At the University of Washington and Washington State
29 University:

30 (i) For resident undergraduate students and other resident students
31 not in graduate study programs or enrolled in programs leading to the
32 degrees of doctor of medicine, doctor of dental surgery, and doctor of
33 veterinary medicine, two thousand seven hundred sixty-four dollars;

34 (ii) For nonresident undergraduate students and other nonresident
35 students not in graduate study programs or enrolled in programs leading
36 to the degrees of doctor of medicine, doctor of dental surgery, and
37 doctor of veterinary medicine, eight thousand two hundred sixty-eight
38 dollars;

1 (iii) For resident graduate and law students not enrolled in
2 programs leading to the degrees of doctor of medicine, doctor of dental
3 surgery, and doctor of veterinary medicine, four thousand four hundred
4 ninety dollars;

5 (iv) For nonresident graduate and law students not enrolled in
6 programs leading to the degrees of doctor of medicine, doctor of dental
7 surgery, and doctor of veterinary medicine, eleven thousand six hundred
8 thirty-four dollars;

9 (v) For resident students enrolled in programs leading to the
10 degrees of doctor of medicine, doctor of dental surgery, and doctor of
11 veterinary medicine, seven thousand four hundred ninety-seven dollars;
12 and

13 (vi) For nonresident students enrolled in programs leading to the
14 degrees of doctor of medicine, doctor of dental surgery, and doctor of
15 veterinary medicine, nineteen thousand four hundred thirty-one dollars.

16 (b) At the regional universities and The Evergreen State College:

17 (i) For resident undergraduate and all other resident students not
18 in graduate study programs, two thousand forty-five dollars;

19 (ii) For nonresident undergraduate and all other nonresident
20 students not in graduate study programs, seven thousand nine hundred
21 ninety-two dollars;

22 (iii) For resident graduate students, three thousand four hundred
23 forty-three dollars; and

24 (iv) For nonresident graduate students, eleven thousand seventy-one
25 dollars.

26 (c) At the community colleges:

27 (i) For resident students, one thousand two hundred twelve dollars;
28 and

29 (ii) For nonresident students, five thousand one hundred sixty-two
30 dollars and fifty cents.

31 (3) Except as provided in section 1 of this act, academic year
32 tuition for full-time students at the state's institutions of higher
33 education beginning with the 1996-97 academic year, other than the
34 summer term, shall be as provided in this subsection.

35 (a) At the University of Washington and Washington State
36 University:

37 (i) For resident undergraduate students and other resident students
38 not in graduate study programs or enrolled in programs leading to the

1 degrees of doctor of medicine, doctor of dental surgery, and doctor of
2 veterinary medicine, two thousand eight hundred seventy-five dollars;

3 (ii) For nonresident undergraduate students and other nonresident
4 students not in graduate study programs or enrolled in programs leading
5 to the degrees of doctor of medicine, doctor of dental surgery, and
6 doctor of veterinary medicine, eight thousand five hundred ninety-nine
7 dollars;

8 (iii) For resident graduate and law students not enrolled in
9 programs leading to the degrees of doctor of medicine, doctor of dental
10 surgery, and doctor of veterinary medicine, four thousand six hundred
11 sixty-nine dollars;

12 (iv) For nonresident graduate and law students not enrolled in
13 programs leading to the degrees of doctor of medicine, doctor of dental
14 surgery, and doctor of veterinary medicine, twelve thousand one hundred
15 dollars;

16 (v) For resident students enrolled in programs leading to the
17 degrees of doctor of medicine, doctor of dental surgery, and doctor of
18 veterinary medicine, seven thousand seven hundred ninety-seven dollars;
19 and

20 (vi) For nonresident students enrolled in programs leading to the
21 degrees of doctor of medicine, doctor of dental surgery, and doctor of
22 veterinary medicine, twenty thousand two hundred nine dollars.

23 (b) At the regional universities and The Evergreen State College:

24 (i) For resident undergraduate and all other resident students not
25 in graduate study programs, two thousand one hundred twenty-seven
26 dollars;

27 (ii) For nonresident undergraduate and all other nonresident
28 students not in graduate study programs, eight thousand three hundred
29 twelve dollars;

30 (iii) For resident graduate students, three thousand five hundred
31 eighty-one dollars; and

32 (iv) For nonresident graduate students, eleven thousand five
33 hundred fourteen dollars.

34 (c) At the community colleges:

35 (i) For resident students, one thousand two hundred sixty-one
36 dollars; and

37 (ii) For nonresident students, five thousand three hundred sixty-
38 nine dollars and fifty cents.

1 (4) The tuition fees established under this chapter shall not apply
2 to high school students enrolling in community colleges under RCW
3 28A.600.300 through 28A.600.395.

4 **Sec. 3.** RCW 28B.15.066 and 1995 1st sp.s. c 9 s 3 are each amended
5 to read as follows:

6 It is the intent of the legislature that:

7 In making appropriations from the state's general fund to
8 institutions of higher education, each appropriation shall conform to
9 the following:

10 (1) The appropriation shall not be reduced by the amount of
11 operating fees revenue estimated to be collected from students enrolled
12 at the state-funded enrollment level specified in the omnibus biennial
13 operating appropriations act;

14 (2) The appropriation shall not be reduced by the amount of
15 operating fees revenue collected from students enrolled above the
16 state-funded level, but within the over-enrollment limitations,
17 specified in the omnibus biennial operating appropriations act; ~~((and))~~

18 (3) The general fund state appropriation shall not be reduced by
19 the amount of operating fees revenue collected as a result of waiving
20 less operating fees revenue than the amounts authorized under RCW
21 28B.15.910; and

22 (4) The general fund state appropriation shall not be reduced by
23 the amount of operating fees revenue collected or foregone as a result
24 of exercising the authority granted in section 1 of this act.

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