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President of the Senate

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MIKE LOWRY
Governor of the State of Washington

CERTIFICATE

I, Timothy A. Martin, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SECOND SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2293** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

TIMOTHY A. MARTIN
Chief Clerk

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By House Committee on Appropriations (originally sponsored by
Representatives Carlson, Jacobsen, Murray and Chopp)

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1 AN ACT Relating to higher education fiscal matters; amending RCW
2 28B.15.031 and 28B.15.615; adding a new section to chapter 28B.15 RCW;
3 and declaring an emergency.

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 (1) The governing board of each of the state universities, the
8 regional universities, and The Evergreen State College, upon the
9 written agreement of its respective student government association or
10 its equivalent, may establish and charge each enrolled student a
11 technology fee, separate from tuition fees. During the 1996-97
12 academic year, any technology fee shall not exceed one hundred twenty
13 dollars for a full-time student. Any technology fee charged to a part-
14 time student shall be calculated as a pro rata share of the fee charged
15 to a full-time student.

16 (2) Revenue from this fee shall be used exclusively for technology
17 resources for general student use.

18 (3) Only changes in the amount of the student technology fee agreed
19 upon by both the governing board and its respective student government

1 association or its equivalent shall be used to adjust the amount
2 charged to students. Changes in the amount charged to students, once
3 implemented, become the basis for future changes.

4 (4) Annually, the student government association or its equivalent
5 may abolish the fee by a majority vote. In the event of such a vote,
6 the student government association or its equivalent shall notify the
7 governing board of the institution. The fee shall cease being
8 collected the term after the student government association or its
9 equivalent voted to eliminate the fee.

10 (5) The student government association or its equivalent shall
11 approve the annual expenditure plan for the fee revenue.

12 (6) The universities and The Evergreen State College shall deposit
13 three and one-half percent of revenues from the technology fee into the
14 institutional financial aid fund under RCW 28B.15.820.

15 (7) As used in this section, "technology fee" is a fee charged to
16 students to recover, in whole or in part, the costs of providing and
17 maintaining services to students that include, but need not be limited
18 to: Access to the internet and world wide web, e-mail, computer and
19 multimedia work stations and laboratories, computer software, and dial-
20 up telephone services.

21 (8) Prior to the establishment of a technology fee, a governing
22 board shall provide to the student governing body a list of existing
23 fees of a similar nature or for a similar purpose. The board and the
24 student governing body shall ensure that student fees for technology
25 are not duplicative.

26 **Sec. 2.** RCW 28B.15.031 and 1995 1st sp.s. c 9 s 2 are each amended
27 to read as follows:

28 The term "operating fees" as used in this chapter shall include the
29 fees, other than building fees, charged all students registering at the
30 state's colleges and universities but shall not include fees for short
31 courses, self-supporting degree credit programs and courses, marine
32 station work, experimental station work, correspondence or extension
33 courses, and individual instruction and student deposits or rentals,
34 disciplinary and library fines, which colleges and universities shall
35 have the right to impose, laboratory, gymnasium, health, technology and
36 student activity fees, or fees, charges, rentals, and other income
37 derived from any or all revenue producing lands, buildings and
38 facilities of the colleges or universities heretofore or hereafter

1 acquired, constructed or installed, including but not limited to income
2 from rooms, dormitories, dining rooms, hospitals, infirmaries, housing
3 or student activity buildings, vehicular parking facilities, land, or
4 the appurtenances thereon, or such other special fees as may be
5 established by any college or university board of trustees or regents
6 from time to time. All moneys received as operating fees at any
7 institution of higher education shall be deposited in a local account
8 containing only operating fees revenue and related interest: PROVIDED,
9 That a minimum of three and one-half percent of operating fees shall be
10 retained by the institutions, except the technical colleges, for the
11 purposes of RCW 28B.15.820. Local operating fee accounts shall not be
12 subject to appropriation by the legislature or allotment procedures
13 under chapter 43.88 RCW.

14 **Sec. 3.** RCW 28B.15.615 and 1993 sp.s. c 18 s 23 are each amended
15 to read as follows:

16 Subject to the limitations of RCW 28B.15.910, the governing boards
17 of the state universities and the regional universities may exempt the
18 following students from paying all or a portion of the resident
19 operating fee and the technology fee: Students granted a graduate
20 service appointment, designated as such by the institution, involving
21 not less than twenty hours of work per week. The exemption shall be
22 for the term of the appointment. ((The stipend paid to persons holding
23 graduate student appointments from nonstate funds shall be reduced and
24 the institution reimbursed from such funds in an amount equal to the
25 resident operating fee which funds shall be transmitted to the general
26 fund.))

27 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** If any provision of this act or its
28 application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the
29 remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other
30 persons or circumstances is not affected.

31 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** This act is necessary for the immediate
32 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
33 state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take
34 effect immediately.

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