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By Senator Mullet

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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that advanced
4 placement coursework prepares students for postsecondary success and
5 provides opportunities for them to earn college credit or secure
6 placement in advanced courses. The legislature further finds that
7 eighty-four thousand eight hundred sixty-six students took an AP exam
8 in Washington state in 2015. The legislature further finds that six
9 thousand six hundred sixty-seven of those students were
10 underrepresented minority students and nine thousand four hundred
11 seventy-one were low-income students. The legislature further finds
12 that of the students that took an AP exam in Washington state in
13 2015, fifty-one thousand seven hundred twenty-five scored a 3, 4, or
14 5.

15 The legislature further finds that at an average rate of three
16 hundred forty-two dollars and ninety cents per credit hour for
17 tuition in four-year Washington public institutions of higher
18 education, the total potential college cost savings for Washington
19 students and families is fifty-three million two hundred fourteen
20 thousand one hundred sixty-three dollars. The legislature further
21 finds that a score of 3 or higher on an AP examination is equivalent
22 to a grade of C+ or higher in the equivalent introductory college
23 course. Therefore, the legislature intends to establish a statewide
24 policy for granting undergraduate course credit to students who have
25 earned a minimum score of 3 on their exams. The goal of the system is
26 to award course credit in all appropriate instances and elective
27 credit where there is no equivalent introductory course.

28 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 28B.77
29 RCW to read as follows:

1 (1) The institutions of higher education must establish an
2 evidence-based systemwide policy for granting undergraduate course
3 credits to students who have earned minimum scores of 3 on AP exams.

4 (2) Credit policy regarding all AP exams must be posted on campus
5 web sites effective for the 2017 fall academic term. The institutions
6 of higher education must conduct biennial reviews of the systemwide
7 AP credit policy and report noncompliance to appropriate committees
8 of the legislature by November 1st each year beginning November 1,
9 2019."

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10 On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "exams;" strike the
11 remainder of the title and insert "adding a new section to chapter
12 28B.77 RCW; and creating a new section."

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