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By Senators Dhingra, Hasegawa, Kuderer, Keiser, Hunt, Saldaña, Darneille, and Nguyen

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1 AN ACT Relating to requiring institutions of higher education to
2 waive application fees for low-income students; and adding a new
3 section to chapter 28B.15 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
6 RCW to read as follows:

7 Institutions of higher education must waive application fees for
8 eligible prospective students.

9 (1) "Eligible prospective students" are those who:

10 (a) Are a resident of the state of Washington in accordance with
11 RCW 28B.15.012(2) (a) through (e);

12 (b) Are in grade twelve or between the ages of eighteen and
13 twenty-one and have not graduated from high school;

14 (c) Apply for acceptance as an undergraduate student at an
15 institution of higher education. A student is not a prospective
16 eligible student if the student has received a bachelor's degree or
17 its foreign equivalent; and

18 (d) Qualify for free or reduced-price lunches.

19 (2) Institutions of higher education may not consider the receipt
20 of application fee waivers as part of the admissions process.

1 (3) Each institution of higher education must adopt an
2 application fee waiver policy that complies with this section and
3 post that policy on its admissions web site, effective for the fall
4 2019 academic term.

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