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HOUSE BILL 2743

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By Representatives Locke, Jacobsen and H. Sommers; by request of Governor Gardner

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1            AN ACT Relating to the higher education quality enhancement fund;  
2 adding a new chapter to Title 28B RCW; and declaring an emergency.

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

4            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.**            The legislature finds that Washington's  
5 higher education system contributes significantly to the economic  
6 vitality of the state and requires a dedicated source of funds to  
7 maintain and enhance the quality of educational programs offered at the  
8 state colleges and universities. The purpose of this chapter is to  
9 make available higher education quality enhancement funds for  
10 appropriation to state colleges and universities. The revenues shall  
11 be generated from a fixed tuition surcharge charged to selective  
12 categories of students. The established tuition surcharge rates are  
13 equal to the difference between the 1992-93 regular tuition and fee

1 charges at each institution, and the average tuition and required fee  
2 charges established at their peer institutions.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** Unless the context clearly requires  
4 otherwise, "colleges and universities" means:

5 (1) The University of Washington in Seattle, and its branch  
6 campuses located in Tacoma and Bothell;

7 (2) Washington State University in Pullman, and its branch campuses  
8 located in Spokane, the Tri-Cities, and southwest Washington;

9 (3) Central Washington University at Ellensburg, Eastern Washington  
10 University at Cheney, Western Washington University at Bellingham, and  
11 The Evergreen State College in Thurston county; and

12 (4) The state system of community colleges governed by the state  
13 board for community and technical colleges, as are provided for in  
14 chapter 28B.50 RCW, excluding technical colleges as defined in RCW  
15 28B.50.030.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The higher education quality enhancement  
17 fund is established. The revenues deposited into the fund shall be  
18 appropriated to the state colleges and universities solely for  
19 enhancing the quality of operations and programs. The funds shall not  
20 be used for increasing general faculty or staff salaries and benefits  
21 above those authorized in the appropriations act in each biennium; for  
22 increasing student enrollments above those authorized in the  
23 appropriations act in each biennium; or for capital construction  
24 purposes.

25 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** (1) Revenues for the higher education  
26 quality enhancement fund shall be generated from tuition surcharge fees  
27 charged to selective resident and nonresident students registering at

1 the state's colleges and universities annually, beginning with the  
2 1992-93 academic year. The tuition surcharge fees listed in the  
3 following fee schedule are in addition to, and separate from, the  
4 tuition and fees defined in RCW 28B.15.020 through 28B.15.041.

5 TUITION SURCHARGE FEE SCHEDULE

6		UW	WSU	Regional	TESC	CC's
7	Resident undergraduate	\$ 433	\$234	\$258	\$531	\$114
8	Resident professional	1,471	0	0	0	0
9	Nonresident undergraduate	1,808	692	0	0	0
10	Nonresident professional	2,482	0	0	0	0

11 (2) The tuition surcharge fees shall be collected by the colleges  
12 and universities at the same time as other tuition and fees. All  
13 moneys received as surcharge fees at any college or university during  
14 the 1992-93 academic year shall be transmitted to the state treasurer  
15 within thirty-five days of receipt to be deposited in the state general  
16 fund. The money received by institutions of higher education from the  
17 periodic payment plan authorized by RCW 28B.15.820 shall be transmitted  
18 to the state treasurer within five days following the close of  
19 registration of the appropriate quarter or semester. All moneys  
20 received as tuition surcharge fees in subsequent years shall be  
21 deposited directly into the higher education quality enhancement fund.

22 (3) By March 15, 1993, the office of financial management shall  
23 provide to the fiscal committees of the legislature an estimate of the  
24 1992-93 tuition surcharge revenue to be generated by the four-year  
25 institutions and a separate estimate of the tuition surcharge revenue  
26 to be generated by the community and technical college system. The  
27 total revenue collected in 1992-93 shall be transferred from the state  
28 general fund to the higher education quality enhancement fund and  
29 appropriated in the 1993-95 biennium. The total revenue collected from

1 the four-year institutions shall be available solely for appropriation  
2 to the four-year institutions. The total revenue collected from the  
3 community and technical college system shall be available solely for  
4 appropriation to the state board for community and technical colleges  
5 for distribution to the individual community colleges. Revenues  
6 deposited into the higher education quality enhancement fund in  
7 subsequent years shall be identified and appropriated in the same  
8 manner.

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** For the 1992-93 academic year, state  
10 appropriations for student financial aid shall be adjusted in an amount  
11 equal to twenty-four percent of any change in revenue estimated to  
12 occur as a result of implementation of chapter ..., Laws of 1992 (this  
13 act).

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** (1) The board of regents or board of  
15 trustees at each of the state's colleges and universities shall charge  
16 to and collect from each of the students registering at the particular  
17 institution for any quarter or semester such tuition surcharge fee  
18 identified in section 4 of this act.

19 (2) Part-time students shall be charged the tuition surcharge fee  
20 proportionate to full-time student rates established for residents and  
21 nonresidents. However, students registered for fewer than two credit  
22 hours shall be charged at the rate established for two credit hours.

23 (3) Full-time students registered for more than eighteen credit  
24 hours shall be charged for each credit hour in excess of eighteen hours  
25 at the established per credit hour tuition surcharge fee rate  
26 applicable to part-time students in the respective institutional  
27 tuition surcharge rate categories set forth in this chapter. The board  
28 of regents of the University of Washington and Washington State

1 University may exempt students who are registered exclusively in  
2 professional programs in medicine, dental medicine, veterinary  
3 medicine, and law. The state board for community and technical  
4 colleges may exempt students who are registered exclusively in required  
5 courses in vocational preparatory programs from the additional charge.

6 (4) The rules adopted by the state board for community and  
7 technical colleges in reference to students described in RCW 28B.50.095  
8 shall be applied equally with respect to the tuition surcharge fees.

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** The boards of regents and the boards of  
10 trustees of each state college and university shall waive the tuition  
11 surcharge fee for any student participating in tuition waiver programs  
12 mandated by the legislature, and may waive the tuition surcharge for  
13 any student eligible to participate in tuition waiver programs  
14 permitted by the legislature.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 8.** Sections 1 through 7 of this act shall  
16 constitute a new chapter in Title 28B RCW.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 9.** This act is necessary for the immediate  
18 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the  
19 state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take  
20 effect immediately.