

2 **SB 6010** - H COMM AMD  
3 By Committee on Higher Education

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5 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the  
6 following:

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

9 In addition to waivers granted under the authority of RCW  
10 28B.15.910, the governing boards of the state universities, the  
11 regional universities, The Evergreen State College, and the community  
12 colleges may waive all or a portion of the operating fees for any  
13 student. State general fund appropriations shall not be provided to  
14 replace tuition and fees revenue forgone as a result of waivers granted  
15 under this section. The governing boards shall take public action to  
16 adopt rules for granting tuition waivers authorized under this section.  
17 Actions by governing boards of community colleges to grant waivers  
18 under this section shall be subject to rules of the state board for  
19 community and technical colleges.

20 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The higher education coordinating board,  
21 with the assistance of the institutions of higher education, shall  
22 evaluate the impact and the effectiveness of the new waiver authority  
23 granted under this act. The evaluation shall include, but not be  
24 limited to: (1) Information on how the institutions used their  
25 authority to waive tuition, including what rates were put into effect  
26 for categories of students or programs, and the impact on tuition  
27 revenue; and (2) an analysis of the impact of additional waivers on  
28 student enrollment patterns including changes in the proportion of  
29 resident students, changes in the proportion of undergraduate students  
30 and changes in the proportion of day-on-campus students. By November  
31 1, 2000, the board shall report its findings and make recommendations  
32 to the governor and the legislature.

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

1 It is the intent of the legislature that:

2 In making appropriations from the state's general fund to  
3 institutions of higher education, each appropriation shall conform to  
4 the following:

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

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

13 (3) The general fund state appropriation shall not be reduced by  
14 the amount of operating fees revenue collected as a result of waiving  
15 less operating fees revenue than the amounts authorized under RCW  
16 28B.15.910. State general fund appropriations shall not be provided  
17 for revenue forgone as a result of or for waivers granted under section  
18 1 of this act.

19 **Sec. 4.** RCW 28B.15.910 and 1998 c 346 s 904 are each amended to  
20 read as follows:

21 (1) For the purpose of providing state general fund support to  
22 public institutions of higher education, except for revenue waived  
23 under programs listed in subsection (3) of this section, and unless  
24 otherwise expressly provided in the omnibus state appropriations act,  
25 the total amount of operating fees revenue waived, exempted, or reduced  
26 by a state university, a regional university, The Evergreen State  
27 College, or the community colleges as a whole, shall not exceed the  
28 percentage of total gross authorized operating fees revenue set forth  
29 below. As used in this section, "gross authorized operating fees  
30 revenue" means the estimated gross operating fees revenue as estimated  
31 under RCW 82.33.020 or as revised by the office of financial  
32 management, before granting any waivers. This limitation applies to  
33 all tuition waiver programs established before or after July 1, 1992.

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| 34 | (a) University of Washington      | 21 percent |
| 35 | (b) Washington State University   | 20 percent |
| 36 | (c) Eastern Washington University | 11 percent |
| 37 | (d) Central Washington University | 8 percent  |
| 38 | (e) Western Washington University | 10 percent |

1 (f) The Evergreen State College 6 percent

2 (g) Community colleges as a whole 35 percent

3 (2) The limitations in subsection (1) of this section apply to  
4 waivers, exemptions, or reductions in operating fees contained in the  
5 following:

6 (a) RCW 28B.10.265;

7 (b) RCW 28B.15.014;

8 (c) RCW 28B.15.100;

9 (d) RCW 28B.15.225;

10 (e) RCW 28B.15.380;

11 (f) RCW 28B.15.520;

12 (g) RCW 28B.15.526;

13 (h) RCW 28B.15.527;

14 (i) RCW 28B.15.543;

15 (j) RCW 28B.15.545;

16 (k) RCW 28B.15.555;

17 (l) RCW 28B.15.556;

18 (m) RCW 28B.15.615;

19 (n) RCW 28B.15.620;

20 (o) RCW 28B.15.628;

21 (p) RCW 28B.15.730;

22 (q) RCW 28B.15.740;

23 (r) RCW 28B.15.750;

24 (s) RCW 28B.15.756;

25 (t) RCW 28B.50.259;

26 (u) RCW 28B.70.050;

27 (v) RCW 28B.80.580; and

28 (w) During the 1997-99 fiscal biennium, the western interstate  
29 commission for higher education undergraduate exchange program for  
30 students attending Eastern Washington University.

31 (3) The limitations in subsection (1) of this section do not apply  
32 to waivers, exemptions, or reductions in services and activities fees  
33 contained in the following:

34 (a) RCW 28B.15.522;

35 (b) RCW 28B.15.540; and

36 (c) RCW 28B.15.558."

37 Correct the title.

EFFECT: Clarifies that no appropriations shall be made from the state general fund to replace tuition and fees revenue forgone as a result of waivers granted under the expanded waiver authority provided to institutions.

Requires governing boards to take public action to adopt rules for granting tuition waivers. Makes waivers granted by community colleges subject to rules of the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges.

Requires the Higher Education Coordinating Board and the institutions of higher education to evaluate the impact and effectiveness of the new waiver authority.

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