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1 AN ACT Relating to higher education; adding new sections to chapter
2 28B.50 RCW; adding new sections to chapter 28B.80 RCW; creating a new
3 section; making appropriations; and declaring an emergency.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** It is the intent of the legislature to:

6 (1) Provide training and retraining opportunities for timber
7 workers;

8 (2) Provide additional opportunities for displaced timber workers
9 and residents of timber communities to attend local community colleges;

10 (3) Provide educational opportunities to displaced timber workers
11 who reside in areas where access to a four-year institution of higher
12 education is not available;

13 (4) Provide educational opportunities in those communities that are
14 most severely impacted by job losses in the timber industry; and

1 (5) Provide a means for displaced timber workers to remain
2 gainfully employed within their communities.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 28B.50 RCW
4 to read as follows:

5 The state board for community college education shall administer a
6 program designed to provide higher education opportunities to displaced
7 timber workers and others in communities adversely affected by the loss
8 of jobs in the timber industry. In administering the program, the
9 board shall have the following powers and duties:

10 (1) Distribute funding to Grays Harbor and Peninsula community
11 colleges;

12 (2) Appoint an advisory committee to assist the board in program
13 design and future project selection; and

14 (3) Monitor the program and report on students' progress and
15 outcome.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 28B.50 RCW
17 to read as follows:

18 In addition to the allocation they normally receive, Grays Harbor
19 Community College and Peninsula Community College are each authorized
20 to serve one hundred fifty full-time equivalent students per year.
21 Under this program, the colleges shall waive the tuition, services, and
22 activities fees for displaced timber workers and their spouses pursuant
23 to the following conditions:

24 (1) The timber worker, within the three years before enrolling as
25 a student, was employed in the timber industry on a full-time basis for
26 at least six months;

27 (2) The unemployment of the timber worker is due to reduction in
28 work force and not misconduct of the timber worker; and

1 (3) The student is eligible to receive waivers for a total of nine
2 quarters within a three-year time period and must be enrolled for a
3 minimum of ten credits per quarter.

4 Displaced timber workers and their spouses shall receive priority
5 for attendance at the colleges. Remaining allocations may be
6 distributed to others in the community adversely affected by job losses
7 in the timber industry.

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** A new section is added to chapter 28B.80 RCW
9 to read as follows:

10 The higher education coordinating board shall administer a program
11 designed to provide upper division higher education opportunities to
12 displaced timber workers and others in communities adversely affected
13 by a loss of jobs in the timber industry. In administering the
14 program, the board shall have the following powers and duties:

15 (1) Distribute funding for an institution of higher education to
16 service Clallam county;

17 (2) Appoint an advisory committee to assist the board in program
18 design and future project selection; and

19 (3) Monitor the program and report on student progress and outcome.

20 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** A new section is added to chapter 28B.80 RCW
21 to read as follows:

22 In consultation with Peninsula College, the higher education
23 coordinating board shall contract with an institution of higher
24 education to provide upper division classes to serve fifty full-time
25 equivalent students per year in Clallam county. The institution
26 providing the service shall waive the tuition, service, and activities
27 fees for displaced timber workers and their spouses under the following
28 conditions:

1 (1) The timber worker, within the three years before enrolling as
2 a student, was employed in the timber industry on a full-time basis for
3 at least six months;

4 (2) The unemployment of the timber worker is due to reduction in
5 work force and not misconduct of the timber worker; and

6 (3) The student is eligible to receive waivers for a total of four
7 semesters or quarters within a two-year time period and must be
8 enrolled for a minimum of twelve credits per semester or quarter.

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** A new section is added to chapter 28B.80 RCW
10 to read as follows:

11 Displaced timber workers and their spouses shall receive priority
12 for attendance in upper division courses offered in Clallam county.
13 Remaining allocations may be distributed to others in the community
14 adversely affected by job losses in the timber industry.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** The sum of two million eighteen thousand
16 one hundred dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, is
17 appropriated for the biennium ending June 30, 1993, from the general
18 fund to the state board for community college education to carry out
19 the purposes of sections 2 and 3 of this act.

20 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 8.** The sum of five hundred forty-six
21 thousand dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, is
22 appropriated for the biennium ending June 30, 1993, from the general
23 fund to the higher education coordinating board to carry out the
24 purposes of sections 4 through 6 of this act.

25 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 9.** This act is necessary for the immediate
26 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the

1 state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take
2 effect immediately.