
SENATE BILL 6010

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By Senators West, Jacobsen and Sheahan

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1 AN ACT Relating to operating fee waivers; amending RCW 28B.15.066
2 and 28B.15.910; and adding a new section to chapter 28B.15 RCW.

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

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

6 In addition to waivers granted under the authority of RCW
7 28B.15.910, the governing boards of the state universities, the
8 regional universities, The Evergreen State College, and the community
9 colleges may waive all or a portion of the operating fees for any
10 student. There shall be no state general fund support for waivers
11 granted under this section.

12 **Sec. 2.** RCW 28B.15.066 and 1995 1st sp.s. c 9 s 3 are each amended
13 to read as follows:

14 It is the intent of the legislature that:

15 In making appropriations from the state's general fund to
16 institutions of higher education, each appropriation shall conform to
17 the following:

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

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

9 (3) The general fund state appropriation shall not be reduced by
10 the amount of operating fees revenue collected as a result of waiving
11 less operating fees revenue than the amounts authorized under RCW
12 28B.15.910. State general fund appropriations shall not be provided
13 for revenue foregone as a result of or for waivers granted under
14 section 1 of this act.

15 **Sec. 3.** RCW 28B.15.910 and 1998 c 346 s 904 are each amended to
16 read as follows:

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

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| 30 (a) University of Washington | 21 percent |
| 31 (b) Washington State University | 20 percent |
| 32 (c) Eastern Washington University | 11 percent |
| 33 (d) Central Washington University | 8 percent |
| 34 (e) Western Washington University | 10 percent |
| 35 (f) The Evergreen State College | 6 percent |
| 36 (g) Community colleges as a whole | 35 percent |

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

- 4 (a) RCW 28B.10.265;
- 5 (b) RCW 28B.15.014;
- 6 (c) RCW 28B.15.100;
- 7 (d) RCW 28B.15.225;
- 8 (e) RCW 28B.15.380;
- 9 (f) RCW 28B.15.520;
- 10 (g) RCW 28B.15.526;
- 11 (h) RCW 28B.15.527;
- 12 (i) RCW 28B.15.543;
- 13 (j) RCW 28B.15.545;
- 14 (k) RCW 28B.15.555;
- 15 (l) RCW 28B.15.556;
- 16 (m) RCW 28B.15.615;
- 17 (n) RCW 28B.15.620;
- 18 (o) RCW 28B.15.628;
- 19 (p) RCW 28B.15.730;
- 20 (q) RCW 28B.15.740;
- 21 (r) RCW 28B.15.750;
- 22 (s) RCW 28B.15.756;
- 23 (t) RCW 28B.50.259;
- 24 (u) RCW 28B.70.050;
- 25 (v) RCW 28B.80.580; and

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

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

- 32 (a) RCW 28B.15.522;
- 33 (b) RCW 28B.15.540; and
- 34 (c) RCW 28B.15.558.

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