
SENATE BILL 5134

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By Senators Carlson, Zarelli, Kohl-Welles, Schmidt, Horn and Shin

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1 AN ACT Relating to border county higher education opportunities;
2 amending RCW 28B.80.805, 28B.80.806, 28B.80.807, and 28B.15.0139;
3 repealing 2002 c 130 s 7 (uncodified); repealing 2002 c 130 s 6 and
4 1999 c 320 s 6 (uncodified); and repealing 2002 c 130 s 5 and 2000 c
5 160 s 4 (uncodified).

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

7 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28B.80.805 and 2002 c 130 s 1 are each amended to read
8 as follows:

9 (1) The legislature finds that certain tuition policies in Oregon
10 state are more responsive to the needs of students living in economic
11 regions that cross the state border than the Washington state policies.
12 Under Oregon policy, students who are Washington residents may enroll
13 at Portland State University for eight credits or less and pay the same
14 tuition as Oregon residents. Further, the state of Oregon passed
15 legislation in 1997 to begin providing to its community colleges the
16 same level of state funding for students residing in bordering states
17 as students residing in Oregon.

18 (2) The legislature intends to build on the recent Oregon
19 initiatives regarding tuition policy for students in bordering states

1 and to facilitate regional planning for higher education delivery by
2 creating a ((~~pilot~~)) project on resident tuition rates in Washington
3 counties that border Oregon state.

4 **Sec. 2.** RCW 28B.80.806 and 2002 c 130 s 2 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) The border county higher education opportunity ((~~pilot~~))
7 project is created. The purpose of the ((~~pilot~~)) project is to allow
8 Washington institutions of higher education that are located in
9 counties on the Oregon border to implement tuition policies that
10 correspond to Oregon policies. Under the border county ((~~pilot~~))
11 project, Columbia Basin Community College, Clark College, Lower
12 Columbia Community College, Grays Harbor Community College, and Walla
13 Walla Community College may enroll students who reside in the bordering
14 Oregon counties of Columbia, Gilliam, Hood River, Multnomah, Clatsop,
15 Clackamas, Morrow, Sherman, Umatilla, Union, Wallowa, Wasco, and
16 Washington at resident tuition rates. The Tri-Cities and Vancouver
17 branches of Washington State University may enroll students who reside
18 in the bordering Oregon counties of Columbia, Multnomah, Clatsop,
19 Clackamas, Morrow, Umatilla, Union, Wallowa, and Washington for eight
20 credits or less at resident tuition rates.

21 (2) Washington institutions of higher education participating in
22 the ((~~pilot~~)) project shall give priority program enrollment to
23 Washington residents.

24 **Sec. 3.** RCW 28B.80.807 and 2002 c 130 s 4 are each amended to read
25 as follows:

26 ((~~(1)~~)) The higher education coordinating board shall administer
27 Washington's participation in the border county higher education
28 opportunity ((~~pilot~~)) project.

29 ((~~(2) By December 1, 2003, the board shall report to the governor
30 and appropriate committees of the legislature on the results of the
31 pilot project. For each participating Washington institution of higher
32 education, the report shall analyze, by program, the impact of the
33 pilot project on: Enrollment levels, distribution of students by
34 residency, and enrollment capacity. The report shall also include a
35 recommendation on the extent to which border county tuition policies
36 should be revised or expanded.~~))

1 **Sec. 4.** RCW 28B.15.0139 and 2002 c 130 s 3 are each amended to
2 read as follows:

3 For the purposes of determining resident tuition rates, "resident
4 student" includes a resident of Oregon, residing in Columbia, Gilliam,
5 Hood River, Multnomah, Clatsop, Clackamas, Morrow, Sherman, Umatilla,
6 Union, Wallowa, Wasco, or Washington county, who meets the following
7 conditions:

8 (1) The student is eligible to pay resident tuition rates under
9 Oregon laws and has been domiciled in Columbia, Gilliam, Hood River,
10 Multnomah, Clatsop, Clackamas, Morrow, Sherman, Umatilla, Union,
11 Wallowa, Wasco, or Washington county for at least (~~one year~~) ninety
12 days immediately before enrollment at a community college located in
13 Asotin, Benton, Clark, Columbia, Cowlitz, Franklin, Garfield,
14 Klickitat, Pacific, Skamania, Wahkiakum, or Walla Walla county,
15 Washington; or

16 (2) The student is enrolled in courses located at the Tri-Cities or
17 Vancouver branch of Washington State University for eight credits or
18 less.

19 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** The following acts or parts of acts are each
20 repealed:

- 21 (1) 2002 c 130 s 7 (uncodified);
- 22 (2) 2002 c 130 s 6 & 1999 c 320 s 6 (uncodified); and
- 23 (3) 2002 c 130 s 5 & 2000 c 160 s 4 (uncodified).

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