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By Senator Sheldon

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K-12 & Higher Education.

1 AN ACT Relating to public employee tuition waivers; and amending
2 RCW 28B.15.558.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28B.15.558 and 2005 c 249 s 4 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) The governing boards of the state universities, the regional
7 universities, The Evergreen State College, and the community colleges
8 may waive all or a portion of the tuition and services and activities
9 fees for state employees as defined under subsection (2) of this
10 section and employees of political subdivisions. The enrollment of
11 these persons is pursuant to the following conditions:

12 (a) Such persons shall register for and be enrolled in courses on
13 a space available basis and no new course sections shall be created as
14 a result of the registration;

15 (b) Enrollment information on persons registered pursuant to this
16 section shall be maintained separately from other enrollment
17 information and shall not be included in official enrollment reports,
18 nor shall such persons be considered in any enrollment statistics that
19 would affect budgetary determinations; and

1 (c) Persons registering on a space available basis shall be charged
2 a registration fee of not less than five dollars.

3 (2) For the purposes of this section, "state employees" means
4 persons employed half-time or more in one or more of the following
5 employee classifications:

6 (a) Permanent employees in classified service under chapter 41.06
7 RCW;

8 (b) Permanent employees governed by chapter 41.56 RCW pursuant to
9 the exercise of the option under RCW 41.56.201;

10 (c) Permanent classified employees and exempt paraprofessional
11 employees of technical colleges; and

12 (d) Faculty, counselors, librarians, and exempt professional and
13 administrative employees at institutions of higher education as defined
14 in RCW 28B.10.016.

15 (3) In awarding waivers, an institution of higher education may
16 award waivers to eligible persons employed by the institution before
17 considering waivers for eligible persons who are not employed by the
18 institution.

19 (4) If an institution of higher education exercises the authority
20 granted under this section, it shall include all eligible state
21 employees in the pool of persons eligible to participate in the
22 program.

23 (5) In establishing eligibility to receive waivers, institutions of
24 higher education may not discriminate between full-time employees and
25 employees who are employed half-time or more.

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