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By Senate Committee on Higher Education (originally sponsored by Senators Hobbs, McAuliffe, Fairley, Weinstein, Marr, Shin, Oemig, Fraser, Kline, Regala, Rasmussen, Tom, Kohl-Welles and Haugen)

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1 AN ACT Relating to waiving tuition and fees for public and
2 vocational school teachers and other certificated instructional staff;
3 and amending RCW 28B.15.558.

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

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

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

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

16 (b) Enrollment information on persons registered pursuant to this
17 section shall be maintained separately from other enrollment
18 information and shall not be included in official enrollment reports,

1 nor shall such persons be considered in any enrollment statistics that
2 would affect budgetary determinations; and

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

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

8 (a) Permanent employees in classified service under chapter 41.06
9 RCW;

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

12 (c) Permanent classified employees and exempt paraprofessional
13 employees of technical colleges; ~~((and))~~

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

17 (e) Teachers and other certificated instructional staff employed at
18 public common and vocational schools, holding or seeking a valid
19 endorsement and assignment in a state-identified shortage area.

20 (3) In awarding waivers, an institution of higher education may
21 award waivers to eligible persons employed by the institution before
22 considering waivers for eligible persons who are not employed by the
23 institution.

24 (4) If an institution of higher education exercises the authority
25 granted under this section, it shall include all eligible state
26 employees in the pool of persons eligible to participate in the
27 program.

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

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