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By Senator Jacobsen

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1 AN ACT Relating to tuition-setting authority at the University of
2 Washington; and amending RCW 28B.15.067.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28B.15.067 and 2009 c 574 s 1 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) Tuition fees shall be established under the provisions of this
7 chapter.

8 (2) Beginning with the 2003-04 academic year and ending with the
9 2012-13 academic year, reductions or increases in full-time tuition
10 fees for resident undergraduates shall be as provided in the omnibus
11 appropriations act.

12 (3)(a) Beginning with the 2003-04 academic year and ending with the
13 2012-13 academic year, the governing board(~~(s)~~) of (~~(the—state~~
14 ~~universities)~~) Washington State University, the regional universities,
15 The Evergreen State College, and the state board for community and
16 technical colleges may reduce or increase full-time tuition fees for
17 all students other than resident undergraduates, including summer
18 school students and students in other self-supporting degree programs.

1 Percentage increases in full-time tuition fees may exceed the fiscal
2 growth factor. Reductions or increases may be made for all or portions
3 of an institution's programs, campuses, courses, or students.

4 (b) Prior to reducing or increasing tuition for each academic year,
5 the governing board(~~(s)~~) of (~~(the state universities)~~) Washington State
6 University, the regional universities, and The Evergreen State College
7 shall consult with existing student associations or organizations with
8 student undergraduate and graduate representatives regarding the
9 impacts of potential tuition increases. Governing boards shall be
10 required to provide data regarding the percentage of students receiving
11 financial aid, the sources of aid, and the percentage of total costs of
12 attendance paid for by aid.

13 (c) Prior to reducing or increasing tuition for each academic year,
14 each college in the state board for community and technical college
15 system shall consult with existing student associations or
16 organizations with undergraduate student representation regarding the
17 impacts of potential tuition increases. Colleges shall provide data
18 regarding the percentage of students receiving financial aid, the
19 sources of aid, and the percentage of total costs of attendance paid
20 for by aid.

21 (d) The board of regents of the University of Washington shall
22 establish tuition fees rates for students at the University of
23 Washington.

24 (4) Except as provided for in subsection (3)(d) of this section,
25 academic year tuition for full-time students at the state's
26 institutions of higher education beginning with 2015-16, other than
27 summer term, shall be as charged during the 2014-15 academic year
28 unless different rates are adopted by the legislature.

29 (5) The tuition fees established under this chapter shall not apply
30 to high school students enrolling in participating institutions of
31 higher education under RCW 28A.600.300 through 28A.600.400.

32 (6) The tuition fees established under this chapter shall not apply
33 to eligible students enrolling in a community or technical college
34 under RCW 28C.04.610.

35 (7) The tuition fees established under this chapter shall not apply
36 to eligible students enrolling in a community or technical college
37 participating in the pilot program under RCW 28B.50.534 for the purpose
38 of obtaining a high school diploma.

1 (8) For the academic years 2003-04 through 2008-09, the University
2 of Washington shall use an amount equivalent to ten percent of all
3 revenues received as a result of law school tuition increases beginning
4 in academic year 2000-01 through academic year 2008-09 to assist needy
5 low and middle-income resident law students.

6 (9) For the academic years 2003-04 through 2008-09, institutions of
7 higher education shall use an amount equivalent to ten percent of all
8 revenues received as a result of graduate academic school tuition
9 increases beginning in academic year 2003-04 through academic year
10 2008-09 to assist needy low and middle-income resident graduate
11 academic students.

12 (10) Any tuition increases above seven percent shall fund costs of
13 instruction, library and student services, utilities and maintenance,
14 other costs related to instruction as well as institutional financial
15 aid. Through 2010-11, any funding reductions to instruction, library
16 and student services, utilities and maintenance and other costs related
17 to instruction shall be proportionally less than other program areas
18 including administration.

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