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SENATE BILL 5710

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By Senator Jacobsen; by request of Washington State University

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1 AN ACT Relating to tuition setting authority of state universities;  
2 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 2007 c 355 s 7 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 2008-09 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) Beginning with the 2003-04 academic year and ending with the  
13 2008-09 academic year, the governing boards of the state universities,  
14 the regional universities, The Evergreen State College, and the state  
15 board for community and technical colleges may reduce or increase full-  
16 time tuition fees for all students other than resident undergraduates,  
17 including summer school students and students in other self-supporting  
18 degree programs. Percentage increases in full-time tuition fees may

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

4 (4) Except as provided in subsection (5) of this section, academic  
5 year tuition for full-time students at the state's institutions of  
6 higher education beginning with 2009-10, other than summer term, shall  
7 be as charged during the 2008-09 academic year unless different rates  
8 are adopted by the legislature.

9 (5) The board of regents of each state university may establish  
10 tuition fees rates for its students.

11 (6) The tuition fees established under this chapter shall not apply  
12 to high school students enrolling in participating institutions of  
13 higher education under RCW 28A.600.300 through 28A.600.400.

14 ((+6+)) (7) The tuition fees established under this chapter shall  
15 not apply to eligible students enrolling in a community or technical  
16 college under RCW 28C.04.610.

17 ((+7+)) (8) The tuition fees established under this chapter shall  
18 not apply to eligible students enrolling in a community or technical  
19 college participating in the pilot program under RCW 28B.50.534 for the  
20 purpose of obtaining a high school diploma.

21 ((+8+)) (9) For the academic years 2003-04 through 2008-09, the  
22 University of Washington shall use an amount equivalent to ten percent  
23 of all revenues received as a result of law school tuition increases  
24 beginning in academic year 2000-01 through academic year 2008-09 to  
25 assist needy low and middle income resident law students.

26 ((+9+)) (10) For the academic years 2003-04 through 2008-09,  
27 institutions of higher education shall use an amount equivalent to ten  
28 percent of all revenues received as a result of graduate academic  
29 school tuition increases beginning in academic year 2003-04 through  
30 academic year 2008-09 to assist needy low and middle-income resident  
31 graduate academic students.

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