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HOUSE BILL 1834

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1            AN ACT Relating to making certain higher education facilities  
2 available for use by certain public high school programs; adding a  
3 new section to chapter 28B.77 RCW; adding a new section to chapter  
4 28B.50 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

6            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that facilities at  
7 institutions of higher education paid for primarily with funds  
8 provided by state taxpayers are not currently made available without  
9 rent to public high schools for sporting events or performance arts  
10 productions. It is the intent of the legislature that the public  
11 institutions of higher education make sports fields, gymnasiums, and  
12 auditoriums available for use rent free to public high school sports  
13 teams and performing arts productions five times each per year.

14            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 28B.77  
15 RCW to read as follows:

16            The council shall adopt statewide facility use policies that  
17 require certain facilities at public four-year institutes of higher  
18 education to be made available for use rent free five times each per  
19 year, subject to the following conditions and limitations:

1 (1) Only higher education facilities, principally sports fields,  
2 gymnasiums, and auditoriums which are commonly made available for  
3 rent and whose total project construction costs were funded by fifty-  
4 one percent or more from state funding sources are subject to this  
5 requirement;

6 (2) Users for the purpose of this section include sports teams or  
7 performing arts productions of public high schools only. Users do not  
8 include teams or groups from private high schools or public high  
9 school clubs;

10 (3) Scheduling use of the higher education facilities shall be  
11 made on a first-come, first-serve basis;

12 (4) For purposes of this section, the public four-year  
13 institutions of higher education shall not charge rental fees for use  
14 of the facilities. However, the institutions may charge for other  
15 services as they relate to the use of the facility, such as  
16 concessions, parking fees, ticket sales, custodial fees, and  
17 security.

18 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 28B.50  
19 RCW to read as follows:

20 The board shall adopt statewide facility use policies that  
21 require certain facilities at public two-year institutes of higher  
22 education to be made available for use rent free five times each per  
23 year, subject to the following conditions and limitations:

24 (1) Only higher education facilities, principally sports fields,  
25 gymnasiums, and auditoriums which are commonly made available for  
26 rent and whose total project construction costs were funded by fifty-  
27 one percent or more from state funding sources are subject to this  
28 requirement;

29 (2) Users for the purpose of this section include sports teams or  
30 performing arts productions of public high schools only. Users do not  
31 include teams or groups from private high schools or public high  
32 school clubs;

33 (3) Scheduling use of the higher education facilities shall be  
34 made on a first-come, first-serve basis;

35 (4) For purposes of this section, the public two-year  
36 institutions of higher education shall not charge rental fees for use  
37 of the facilities. However, the institutions may charge for other  
38 services as they relate to the use of the facility, such as

1 concessions, parking fees, ticket sales, custodial fees, and  
2 security.

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