

## BOARD OF REGENTS

### BRIEFING PAPER

#### ***Handbook Revision, Elimination of Good Neighbor Tuition Discount***

##### **BACKGROUND & POLICY CONTEXT OF ISSUE:**

Under current Board policy, a graduate of a designated high school or community college in a state bordering Nevada may be charged a discounted tuition rate in lieu of non-resident tuition when enrolling as an undergraduate or graduate student at the universities, state college, or the community colleges. For example, a full-time non-resident student attending a university will be charged per credit registration fee and non-resident tuition (\$142.75 per credit registration fee plus \$13,290 non-resident tuition charge for academic year 2010-11). A student classified as a “good neighbor” will pay the per credit registration fee and the discounted per credit Good Neighbor tuition and will not pay the non-resident tuition (\$142.75 per credit registration fee plus \$157.00 per credit Good Neighbor tuition for academic year 2010-11). The Good Neighbor tuition discount would save a full-time undergraduate university student \$8,580 – assuming 30 credits over an academic year. Under the same assumptions for an NSC and community college student, the savings is \$7,958 and \$5,215 for an academic year. These savings represent foregone revenue to the institution.

In response to the required budget reductions, the Chancellor recommends elimination of the Good Neighbor tuition discount. A similar tuition discount for the children of alumni was eliminated last year in response to a recommendation of the Tuition and Fees Committee.

The extent to which the Good Neighbor discount has been utilized is noted in the following chart that indicates the number of students at each institution receiving the discount in Fall 2009 and Fall 2010.

equates to the registration fee plus 60 percent at the state college and community colleges and 110 percent at the universities.

- The list of high schools and community colleges in the Board Handbook has not been updated in a number of years and is currently incomplete.

**POTENTIAL ARGUMENTS AGAINST THE REQUEST/RECOMMENDATION:**

- For some institutions, the Good Neighbor discount is an effective recruiting tool for students who live in nearby counties and want to attend a Nevada institution. In difficult financial times the institution will have great difficulty replacing this tuition offset with scholarships for students they want to recruit.

**ALTERNATIVE(S) TO WHAT IS BEING REQUESTED/RECOMMENDED:**

Retain the Good Neighbor tuition discount.

**COMPLIANCE WITH BOARD POLICY:**

Consistent With Current Board Policy: Title # \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter # \_\_\_\_\_ Section # \_\_\_\_\_

Amends Current Board Policy: *Title 4, Chapter 17, Sections 1, 9 and 12; Title 4, Chapter 15, Section 8*

Amends Current Procedures & Guidelines Manual: *Chapter 7, Section 1*

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Fiscal Impact: Yes  No \_\_\_\_\_

*Elimination of the Good Neighbor tuition discount will result in some additional revenue for each institution, although it is likely to be less than the \$6.5 million that is estimated based on Fall 2010 Good Neighbor enrollments across the NSHE as some students who will no longer have the option of the discount will not enroll. (The \$6.5 million figure assumes full-time enrollment over an academic year.)*



**POLICY PROPOSAL**  
**TITLE 4, CHAPTER 17, SECTION 9**  
Good Neighbor Classification

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[~~Section 9.~~

Owens Valley High School  
Lone Pine High School

- b. ~~Those high schools and community colleges, located in areas of Northern California bordering Nevada for which a town or city in Nevada provides a significant source of goods and services include the following:~~

~~Modoc County, California~~

~~Modoc High School  
Surprise Valley High School  
Warner High School~~

~~Lassen County, California~~

~~Credence High School  
Herlong High School  
Lassen High School  
Render High School~~

~~Lassen Community College~~

~~Plumas County, California~~

~~Almanor High School  
Beckworth High School  
Chester Jr-Sr High School  
Greenville Jr-Sr High School  
Indian Valley High School  
Portola Jr-Sr High School  
Quincy Jr-Sr High School  
Sierra High School~~

~~Feather River Community College~~

~~Sierra County, California~~

~~Downieville Jr-Sr High School  
Loyalton High School  
Nevada County, California  
Tahoe-Truckee Jr-Sr High School~~

~~Placer County, California~~

~~North Tahoe High School  
Sierra High School~~

~~Sierra College~~

~~El Dorado County, California~~

~~Mt. Tallac High School  
South Tahoe High School  
Lake Tahoe Community College~~

~~Alpine County, California~~

~~Includes residents of the designated high school or community college districts in El Dorado or Mono Counties.~~

~~Mono County, California  
Coleville High School  
Lee Vining High School  
Mammoth High School~~

~~Inyo County, California  
Big Pine High School  
Bishop High School  
Palisade High School]~~

SECTION 9 – DELETED IN WHOLE

*RENUMBER SECTIONS 10 THROUGH 25 AS SECTION 9 THROUGH 24*

**GRANDFATHERING PROVISION**

**All students receiving the discount at the time the Good Neighbor policy is eliminated in Fall 2011 will be grandfathered and may therefore continue to receive the discount so long as they are continuously enrolled.**

**POLICY PROPOSAL**  
**TITLE 4, CHAPTER 17, SECTION 12 (in part)**  
**Special Reduced Fees**

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**Section 12. Special Reduced Tuition and Fees**

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6. Federally funded teacher training programs will carry an exception to in-state and out-of-state fee and tuition rates for contiguous[;] *and* WICHE [~~and Good Neighbor States~~] *states*, and may be offered at a reduced per-credit fee. Additionally, all NSHE institutions may offer professional development teacher training programs at a reduced per-credit fee when funded by Nevada school districts and/or the State of Nevada through non-NSHE funds, if collaborative agreements are in place. All course offerings will be approved and delivery overseen through the usual academic processes.

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**POLICY PROPOSAL**  
**TITLE 4, CHAPTER 15, SECTION 8 (in part)**  
**Reclassification of Nonresident Status – Good Neighbor**

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**Section 8.     Reclassification of Nonresident Status**

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6. Because residence in a neighboring state other than Nevada is a continuing qualification for enrollment in the [~~Good Neighbor or institu~~96 0 u .pf Tc -



***NSHE Procedures and Guidelines Manual***  
**CHAPTER 7, SECTION 1 (in part)**  
**Registration Fees – Good Neighbor Tuition**

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**Section 1. Registration Fees and Non-Resident Tuition Rates**

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**Good Neighbor Tuition**

*(Rates are assessed in addition to registration fees)*

	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
Good Neighbor Tuition, Universities (undergraduate)	\$149.50/ per credit	\$157.00/ per credit	\$172.50/ per credit	\$172.50/ per credit
Good Neighbor Tuition, Universities (graduate)	\$239.50/ per credit	\$263.50/ per credit	\$263.50/ per credit	\$263.50/ per credit
Good Neighbor Tuition, NSC (undergraduate)	\$59.00/ per credit	\$62.00/ per credit	\$68.00/ per credit	\$68.00/ per credit
Good Neighbor Tuition, NSC (graduate)	\$96.25/ per credit	\$105.75/ per credit	\$105.75/ per credit	\$105.75/ per credit
Good Neighbor Tuition, GBC, CSN, WNC (upper division)	\$59.00/ per credit	\$62.00/ per credit	\$68.00/ per credit	\$68.00/ per credit
Good Neighbor Tuition, Community Colleges	\$36.00/ per credit	\$37.75/ per credit	\$41.50/ per credit	\$41.50/ per credit

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