
Higher Education Committee

SSB 6504

Brief Description: Changing provisions relating to institutions of higher education.

Sponsors: Senate Committee on Higher Education (originally sponsored by Senators Kohl-Welles, Horn, Shin, Carlson, B. Sheldon, McAuliffe, Parlette, Jacobsen, Franklin and Sheahan).

Brief Summary of Substitute Bill

- Removes all references to "branch campus."
- Replaces the terms "branch campus" and "branch campuses" with site-specific campus names.
- Identifies branch campuses collectively as "four-year institutions" and "institutions of higher education".

Hearing Date: 2/27/02

Staff: Sydney Forrester (786-7120).

Background:

The Legislature established branch campuses in 1989 with the primary goal of expanding upper-division and graduate level educational opportunities for the citizens of Washington. Five major areas were identified as sites for branch campuses: Tacoma, Bothell, Vancouver, Spokane, and the Tri-Cities. The University of Washington and Washington State University were directed to work cooperatively with the community colleges to ensure that branch campuses are operated as models of a two-plus-two educational system.

Summary of Bill:

The terms "branch campus" and "branch campuses" are replaced with reference to a specific campus or campuses. Existing branch campuses are referred to collectively as "campuses", "four-year institutions", and "institutions of higher education". A clarification is made to the campus and branch campus reporting requirements for crime statistics. The campus-by-campus reporting requirement applies to "institutions with more than one campus not

including off-campus centers of regional universities and The Evergreen State College."

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available on the original bill.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.