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**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5636**

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**State of Washington**

**62nd Legislature**

**2011 Regular Session**

**By** Senate Higher Education & Workforce Development (originally sponsored by Senators Haugen, Harper, Shin, and Delvin)

READ FIRST TIME 02/21/11.

1 AN ACT Relating to expanding opportunities in higher education in  
2 north Puget Sound; and creating a new section.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** Changes or modifications of the University  
5 Center of North Puget Sound, including:

6 (1) Creation of any new degree programs offered by a four-year  
7 institution;

8 (2) Purchase or lease of major off-campus facilities by the  
9 University Center;

10 (3) Creation of a new, or major modification to the existing,  
11 management structure of the University Center;

12 (4) New degree programs and creation of off-campus programs by an  
13 independent college or university in collaboration with the University  
14 Center; or

15 (5) Applied baccalaureate degree programs developed at the  
16 University Center under RCW 28B.50.810

17 shall only be considered after the higher education coordinating board  
18 conducts a needs assessment and viability determination, under RCW

1 28B.76.230, and presents a positive recommendation to the governor and  
2 the legislature.

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