

SB 5636-S2 - DIGEST

(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Changes the name of the University Center at Everett Community College to the University Center of North Puget Sound.

Assigns management and leadership of the University Center of North Puget Sound to Washington State University to meet the needs of the Everett metropolitan area and the north Snohomish, Island, and Skagit county region and the state of Washington for baccalaureate and graduate degrees offered by a state university.

Requires Washington State University and Everett Community College to collaborate with community leaders and other four-year higher education institutions that offer programs at the University Center of North Puget Sound to serve the varied interests of students in the region.

Requires a coordinating and planning council to be established that is responsible for long-range and strategic planning, interinstitutional collaboration, collaboration with the community served, and dispute resolution for the center.

Requires Washington State University to: (1) Assume leadership of the center upon completion and approval by the legislature of a strategic plan for meeting the academic needs of the region and successful establishment of an engineering degree program;

(2) Review center expansion needs and consider capital facilities funding at least annually; and

(3) Design, construct, and manage any facility developed at the center.

Provides a contingent effective date.