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5 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
6 following:

7 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. The legislature finds that the
8 development and commercialization of new technology is a vital part of
9 economic development.

10 The legislature also finds that it is in the interests of the state
11 of Washington to provide a mechanism to transfer and apply research and
12 technology developed at the institutions of higher education to the
13 private sector in order to create new products and technologies which
14 provide job opportunities in advanced technology for the citizens of
15 this state.

16 It is the intent of the legislature that the University of
17 Washington, the Washington State University, and the department of
18 trade and economic development work cooperatively with the private
19 sector in the development and implementation of a world class
20 technology transfer program."

21 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. Unless the context clearly requires
22 otherwise, the definitions in this section apply throughout RCW
23 28B.20.285 and sections 3 through 8 of this act.

24 (1) "Technology center" means the Washington technology center,
25 including the affiliated staff, faculty, facilities, and research
26 centers operated by the technology center.

1 (2) "Board" means the board of directors of the Washington
2 technology center.

3 (3) "High technology" or "technology" includes but is not limited
4 to the modernization, miniaturization, integration, and computerization
5 of electronic, hydraulic, pneumatic, laser, mechanical, robotics,
6 nuclear, chemical, telecommunication, and other technological
7 applications to enhance productivity in areas including but not limited
8 to manufacturing, communications, medicine, bioengineering, and
9 commerce."

10 **"Sec. 3.** RCW 28B.20.285 and 1983 1st ex.s. c 72 s 11 are each
11 amended to read as follows:

12 A Washington (~~(high technology)~~) technology center is created (~~(at~~
13 ~~the University of Washington. The Washington high technology center~~
14 ~~shall provide: (1) An interdisciplinary program to support major high-~~
15 ~~technology education and research initiatives within the state; (2) the~~
16 ~~resources necessary for research and development programs in high~~
17 ~~technology; (3) quality training for advanced undergraduate and~~
18 ~~graduate students in high technology; and (4) interdisciplinary~~
19 ~~approaches to instruction and research in high technology fields.~~

20 The Washington high technology center shall be administered by the
21 board of regents with the advice of the high technology coordinating
22 board. The University of Washington shall make the facilities of the
23 Washington high technology center available to other institutions of
24 higher education when specific program needs so require)) to be a
25 collaborative effort between the state's universities, private
26 industry, and government. The technology center shall be headquartered
27 at the University of Washington. The mission of the technology center
28 shall be to perform and commercialize research on a state-wide basis
29 that benefits the intermediate and long-term economic vitality of the

1 state of Washington, and to develop and strengthen university-industry
2 relationships through the conduct of research that is primarily of
3 interest to Washington-based companies or state economic development
4 programs. The technology center shall:

5 (1) Perform and/or facilitate research supportive of state science
6 and technology objectives, particularly as they relate to state
7 industries;

8 (2) Provide leading edge collaborative research and technology
9 transfer opportunities primarily to state industries;

10 (3) Provide substantial opportunities for training undergraduate
11 and graduate students through direct involvement in research and
12 industry interactions;

13 (4) Emphasize and develop nonstate support of the technology
14 center's research activities; and

15 (5) Provide a forum for effective interaction between the state's
16 technology-based industries and its academic research institutions
17 through promotion of faculty collaboration with industry, particularly
18 within the state."

19 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. (1) The technology center shall be
20 administered by the board of directors of the technology center.

21 (2) The board shall consist of the following members: Fourteen
22 members from among individuals who are associated with or employed by
23 technology-based industries and have broad business experience and an
24 understanding of high technology; eight members from the state's
25 universities with graduate science and engineering programs; the
26 executive director of the Spokane Intercollegiate Research and
27 Technology Institute or his or her designated representative; the
28 provost of the University of Washington or his or her designated
29 representative; the provost of the Washington State University or his

1 or her designated representative; and the director of the state
2 department of trade and economic development or his or her designated
3 representative. The term of office for each board member, excluding
4 the executive director of the Spokane Intercollegiate Research and
5 Technology Institute, the provost of the University of Washington, the
6 provost of the Washington State University, and the director of the
7 state department of trade and economic development, shall be three
8 years. The executive director of the technology center shall be an ex
9 officio, nonvoting member of the board. The board shall meet at least
10 quarterly. Board members shall be appointed by the governor based on
11 the recommendations of the existing board of the technology center, and
12 the research universities. The governor shall stagger the terms of the
13 first group of appointees to ensure the long term continuity of the
14 board.

15 (3) The duties of the board include:

16 (a) Developing the general operating policies for the technology
17 center;

18 (b) Appointing the executive director of the technology center;

19 (c) Approving the annual operating budget of the technology center;

20 (d) Establishing priorities for the selection and funding of
21 research projects that guarantee the greatest potential return on the
22 state's investment;

23 (e) Approving and allocating funding for research projects
24 conducted by the technology center, based on the recommendations of the
25 advisory committees for each of the research centers;

26 (f) In cooperation with the department of trade and economic
27 development, developing a biennial work plan and five-year strategic
28 plan for the technology center that are consistent with the state-wide
29 technology development and commercialization goals;

1 (g) Coordinating with the University of Washington, Washington
2 State University, and other participating institutions of higher
3 education in the development of training, research, and development
4 programs to be conducted at the technology center that shall be
5 targeted to meet industrial needs;

6 (h) Assisting the department of trade and economic development in
7 the department's efforts to develop state science and technology public
8 policies and coordinate publicly funded programs;

9 (i) Reviewing annual progress reports on funded research projects
10 that are prepared by the advisory committees for each of the research
11 centers;

12 (j) Providing an annual report to the governor and the legislature
13 detailing the activities and performance of the technology center; and

14 (k) Submitting annually to the department of trade and economic
15 development an updated strategic plan and a statement of performance
16 measured against the mission, roles, and contractual obligations of the
17 technology center."

18 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 5. The University of Washington, Washington
19 State University, and other participating institutions of higher
20 education shall provide the affiliated staff, faculty, and facilities
21 required to support the operation of the technology center."

22 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 6. The department of trade and economic
23 development shall contract with the University of Washington for the
24 expenditure of state-appropriated funds for the operation of the
25 Washington technology center. The department of trade and economic
26 development shall provide guidance to the technology center regarding
27 expenditure of state-appropriated funds and the development of the
28 center's strategic plan. The director of the department of trade and

1 economic development shall not withhold funds appropriated for the
2 technology center if the technology center complies with the provisions
3 of its contract with the department of trade and economic development.
4 The department shall be responsible to the legislature for the
5 contractual performance of the center."

6 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** The facilities of the technology center
7 shall be made available to other institutions of higher education
8 within the state when this would benefit specific program needs."

9 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 8.** Sections 1, 2, and 4 through 7 of this
10 act are each added to chapter 28B.20 RCW."

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14 On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "center;" strike the
15 remainder of the title and insert "amending RCW 28B.20.285; and adding
16 new sections to chapter 28B.20 RCW."