

2 EHB 1723 - S COMM AMD  
3 By Committee on Higher Education

4 Adopted 4/12/91 - Voice Vote  
5 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the  
6 following:

7 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that encouraging  
8 collaboration among the various educational sectors to meet state-wide  
9 needs will strengthen the entire educational system, kindergarten  
10 through twelfth grade and higher education. The legislature also  
11 recognizes that the most effective way to develop innovative and  
12 collaborative programs is to encourage institutions to develop them  
13 voluntarily, in line with established state goals. Through a system of  
14 competitive grants, the legislature shall encourage the development of  
15 innovative and collaborative solutions to issues of critical state-wide  
16 need, including:

- 17 (1) Improving rates of participation and completion at each  
18 educational level;  
19 (2) Recognizing needs of special populations of students;  
20 (3) Improving the effectiveness of education by better coordinating  
21 communication and understanding between sectors."

22 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The Washington fund for excellence in  
23 higher education program is established. The higher education  
24 coordinating board shall administer the program. Through this program  
25 the board may award on a competitive basis incentive grants to state  
26 public institutions of higher education or consortia of institutions to  
27 encourage cooperative programs designed to address specific system

1 problems. Grants shall not exceed a two-year period. Each institution  
2 or consortia of institutions receiving the award shall contribute some  
3 financial support, either by covering part of the costs for the program  
4 during its implementation, or by assuming continuing support at the end  
5 of the grant period. Strong priority will be given to proposals that  
6 involve more than one sector of education, and to proposals that show  
7 substantive institutional commitment. Institutions are encouraged to  
8 solicit nonstate funds to support these cooperative programs."

9 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. The higher education coordinating board  
10 shall have the following powers and duties in administering the  
11 program:

12 (1) To adopt rules necessary to carry out the program;

13 (2) To establish one or more review committees to assist in the  
14 evaluation of proposals for funding. The review committee shall  
15 include individuals with significant experience in higher education in  
16 areas relevant to one or more of the funding period priorities;

17 (3) To establish each biennium specific guidelines for submitting  
18 grant proposals consistent with the overall goals of the program.  
19 During the 1991-93 biennium the guidelines shall be consistent with the  
20 following priorities: (a) Minority and diversity initiatives that  
21 encourage the participation of minorities in higher education,  
22 including students with disabilities, at a rate consistent with their  
23 proportion of the population; (b) K-12 teacher preparation models that  
24 encourage collaboration between higher education and K-12 to improve  
25 the preparedness of teachers, including provisions for higher education  
26 faculty involved with teacher preparation to spend time teaching in  
27 K-12 schools; and (c) articulation and transfer activities to smooth  
28 the transfer of students from K-12 to higher education, or from the  
29 community colleges to four-year institutions. After June 30, 1993, and

1 each biennium thereafter, the board shall determine funding priorities  
2 for collaborative proposals for the biennium in consultation with the  
3 governor, the legislature, the office of the superintendent of public  
4 instruction, the state board for community college education, the state  
5 board for vocational education, higher education institutions,  
6 educational associations, and business and community groups consistent  
7 with state-wide needs;

8 (4) To solicit grant proposals and provide information to the  
9 institutions of higher education about the program; and

10 (5) To establish reporting, monitoring, and dissemination  
11 requirements for the recipients of the grants."

12 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. The higher education coordinating board  
13 may solicit and receive such gifts, grants, and endowments from public  
14 or private sources as may be made from time to time, in trust or  
15 otherwise, for the use and benefit of the purposes of the program and  
16 may expend the same or any income therefrom according to the terms of  
17 the gifts, grants, or endowments."

18 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 5. The fund for excellence is hereby  
19 established in the custody of the state treasurer. The higher  
20 education coordinating board shall deposit in the fund all moneys  
21 received under section 4 of this act. Moneys in the fund may be spent  
22 only for the purposes of sections 2 and 3 of this act. Disbursements  
23 from the fund shall be on the authorization of the higher education  
24 coordinating board. The fund is subject to the allotment procedure  
25 provided under chapter 43.88 RCW, but no appropriation is required for  
26 disbursements."

