
HOUSE BILL 2932

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1 AN ACT Relating to the Washington technology center; amending RCW
2 28B.20.285; and declaring an emergency.

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

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

6 ((A)) (1) The Washington ((high-technology)) technology center is
7 created to be a collaborative effort between the state's colleges and
8 universities, private industry, and government. The center shall be
9 headquartered at the University of Washington. The mission of the
10 Washington technology center shall be to perform research, and to help
11 implement its commercialization, on a state-wide basis that benefits
12 the intermediate and long-term economic vitality of the state of
13 Washington, and to develop and strengthen university-industry
14 relationships through the conduct of research that is primarily of

1 interest to Washington-based companies or state economic development
2 priorities. The Washington ((high technology)) technology center shall
3 ((provide)): ((1) An interdisciplinary program to support major high-
4 technology education and research initiatives within the state))

5 (a) Perform research supportive of state science and technology
6 needs and objectives, particularly as they relate to state industries;
7 ((2) the resources necessary for research and development programs in
8 high technology))

9 (b) Provide leading edge collaborative research and technology
10 transfer opportunities, primarily to state industries; ((3) quality))

11 (c) Provide opportunities for training ((for advanced))
12 undergraduate and graduate students ((in high technology)) through
13 direct involvement in research and industry interactions;

14 (d) Emphasize and develop nonstate support of the Washington
15 technology center's research mission; and ((4) interdisciplinary
16 approaches to instruction and research in high technology fields))

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

21 ((The Washington high technology center shall be administered by
22 the board of regents with the advice of the high technology
23 coordinating board)) The department of trade and economic development
24 shall provide guidance to the Washington technology center regarding
25 development of the center's strategic plan. The department shall be
26 responsible to the legislature for the contractual performance of the
27 center. Under contract with the department of trade and economic
28 development, the University of Washington, through the board of
29 regents, shall be responsible for the administration of the Washington
30 technology center. The Washington technology center's board of

1 directors shall be responsible for the policy making and oversight of
2 the operations of the center. The center's executive director shall
3 report to the center's board of directors. The Washington technology
4 center shall report quarterly, through the office of the provost at the
5 University of Washington, to the department of trade and economic
6 development regarding the center's activities, and the center shall
7 submit annually to the department an updated strategic plan and a
8 statement of performance measured against the mission, roles, and
9 contractual obligations of the Washington technology center. The
10 University of Washington shall make the facilities of the Washington
11 ((high-technology)) technology center available to other institutions
12 of higher education when specific program needs so require.

13 NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. This act is necessary for the immediate
14 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
15 state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take
16 effect immediately.