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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 there is 8 increasing need for postsecondary educational opportunities for citizens of the state of Washington. The legislature also finds that 9 in the past twelve years postsecondary educational opportunities have 10 been severely restricted by state budget policy. The proportion of the 11 12 state budget dedicated to postsecondary educational programs has 13 continued to decrease and, subsequently, the opportunity for this 14 state's citizens to participate in such programs has also declined. At 15 the same time, major technological, economic, and demographic changes 16 have exacerbated the need for improved training and education to 17 maintain a high-quality, competitive work force, and a well-educated populace to meet the challenges of the twenty-first century. 18 19 legislature finds that this state has not fulfilled its responsibility 20 to provide sufficient opportunity, commensurate with the dramatic growth in this state's population, for its citizens to engage in the 21 22 postsecondary educational programs that are necessary for their 23 personal and professional improvement and this state's economic vitality. 24

Therefore, the legislature declares that the policy of the state of Washington shall be to improve the access to, and quality of, this state's postsecondary educational system. The budgetary policy of the state of Washington shall be to provide a level of protection and commitment to the state's postsecondary educational system commensurate with the responsibility of this state to the educational and professional improvement of its citizens and work force.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. It is the policy of the state of Washington that funding for the state institutions of higher education, provided in the governor's budget request, shall ensure adequate resources to maintain a state-funded full-time equivalent participation rate at a minimum of the participation rate funded in the last fiscal year of the previous biennium beginning with the 1993 fiscal year. The participation rate shall be based on the state's estimated population ages seventeen and above by appropriate age groups.

The governor's budget request shall include a funding level per 5 full-time equivalent enrollment established for this minimum number of 6 7 full-time equivalent students that shall, each biennium, be equal to 8 the rate assumed in the omnibus appropriations act for the last fiscal 9 year of the previous biennium plus an inflation factor for, at a 10 minimum, the instructional program, primary support program, and library program that is equivalent to the inflation factor used to 11 12 calculate basic education in the common school system budget request 13 submitted by the governor.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. In addition to the minimum participation rate contained in section 2 of this act, it is the policy of the state of Washington that the governor's budget request provide for an enrollment increase to achieve the goal of reaching the ninetieth percentile in national participation rates system-wide, excepting work force training, by the year 2010. This shall be accomplished by increasing enrollments, in addition to any increases required by section 2 of this act, in regular increments each biennium in order to remain on target to achieve this goal by the end of the 2009-11 biennium.

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24 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 4.** The participation rate used to calculate enrollment levels pursuant to sections 2 and 3 of this act shall be 25 based on fall enrollment reported in the higher education enrollment 26 27 report as maintained by the office of financial management, fall 28 enrollment as reported in the management information system of the 29 state board for community and technical colleges, and the corresponding fall population forecast by the office of financial management. Formal 30 estimates of the state participation rates and enrollment levels 31 32 necessary to fulfill the requirements of sections 2 and 3 of this act 33 shall be determined by the office of financial management as part of its responsibility to develop and maintain student enrollment forecasts 34 35 for colleges and universities under RCW 43.62.050. Formal estimates of the state participation rates and enrollment levels required by this 36 37 section shall be based on procedures and standards established by a

- technical work group consisting of staff from the higher education 1 coordinating board, the state board for community and technical 2 colleges, the fiscal and higher education committees of the house of 3 4 representatives and the senate, and the office of financial management. 5 Formal estimates of the state participation rates and enrollment levels required by this section shall be submitted to the fiscal committees of 6 7 the house of representatives and senate on or before the fifteenth day 8 of November of each even-numbered year. The higher education 9 coordinating board shall periodically review the enrollment goals set forth in sections 2 and 3 of this act and submit recommendations 10 concerning modification of these goals to the governor and to the 11 higher education committees of the house of representatives and the 12 13 senate.
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 5. It is the policy of the state of Washington 14 15 that financial need not be a barrier to participation in the state 16 higher education system. Funding for student financial aid in each governor's budget request shall, at a minimum, be equal to the amount 17 18 provided in the previous biennium adjusted for increases in the statefunded full-time equivalent enrollment level pursuant to sections 2 and 19 3 of this act and increases in the cost of attendance as calculated by 20 the higher education coordinating board. 21 The higher education 22 coordinating board shall provide these calculations to the office of 23 financial management and the legislature by April 1st of each even-24 numbered year.
- 25 **Sec. 6.** RCW 28B.15.515 and 1991 c 353 s 1 are each amended to read 26 as follows:
- 27 (1) The boards of trustees of the community college districts may 28 operate summer schools on either a self-supporting or a state-funded 29 basis.
- If summer school is operated on a self-supporting basis, the fees charged shall be retained by the colleges, and shall be sufficient to cover the direct costs, which are instructional salaries and related benefits, supplies, publications, and records.
- Community colleges that have self-supporting summer schools shall continue to receive general fund state support for vocational programs that require that students enroll in a four quarter sequence of courses that includes summer quarter due to clinical or laboratory requirements

- and for ungraded courses limited to adult basic education, vocational apprenticeship, aging and retirement, small business management, industrial first aid, and parent education.
- 4 $(2)((\frac{a}{a}))$ The board of trustees of a community college district may permit the district's state-funded, full-time equivalent enrollment 5 level, as provided in the operating budget appropriations act, to vary 6 7 ((by plus or minus two percent each fiscal year unless otherwise 8 authorized in the operating budget appropriations act)). 9 variance is above the state-funded level, the district may charge those 10 students above the state-funded level a fee equivalent to the amount of tuition and fees that are charged students enrolled in state-funded 11 These fees shall be retained by the colleges. 12 courses.
- 13 (((b) Any community college that in 1990-91 has an enrollment above 14 the state-funded level but below the authorized variance may increase 15 its excess enrollments to within the variance.

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- (c) Community colleges that currently have excess enrollments more than the authorized variance, by means of enrollments that would have otherwise been eligible for state funding, shall reduce those excess enrollments to within the authorized variance by September 1, 1995, in at least equal annual reductions, commencing with the 1991-92 fiscal year.
- 22 (d) Except as permitted by (c) of this subsection, should the number of student-supported, full-time equivalent enrollments in any 23 24 fiscal year fall outside the authorized variance, the college shall 25 return by September 1st to the state general fund, an amount equal to the college's full average state appropriations per full-time 26 equivalent student for such student-funded full-time equivalent outside 27 28 the variance, unless otherwise provided in the operating budget appropriations act.)) 29
- 30 (3) The state board for community <u>and technical</u> college<u>s</u> 31 ((education)) shall ensure compliance with this section.
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 7. To address the increasing need for postsecondary educational opportunities for citizens of Washington state, institutions of higher education may cosponsor educational programs with a nonprofit organization, as defined by the internal revenue code Sec. 501(c)(3).

1 **Sec. 8.** RCW 82.04.170 and 1992 c 206 s 1 are each amended to read 2 as follows:

3 "Tuition fee" includes library, laboratory, health service and 4 other special fees, and amounts charged for room and board by an educational institution when the property or service for which such 5 charges are made is furnished exclusively to the students or faculty of 6 7 such institution. "Educational institution," as used in this section, 8 means only those institutions created or generally accredited as such by the state and includes educational programs that such educational 9 institution cosponsors with a nonprofit organization, as defined by the 10 internal revenue code Sec. 501(c)(3), if such educational institution 11 grants college credit for some or any coursework successfully completed 12 through the educational program, or defined as a degree granting 13 institution under RCW 28B.85.010(3) and accredited by an accrediting 14 15 association recognized by the United States secretary of education, and offering to students an educational program of a general academic 16 17 nature or those institutions which are not operated for profit and which are privately endowed under a deed of trust to offer instruction 18 19 in trade, industry, and agriculture, but not including specialty 20 schools, business colleges, other trade schools, or similar institutions. 21

NEW SECTION. Sec. 9. Sections 2 through 5 and 7 of this act are 23 each added to chapter 28B.10 RCW.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 10. This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take effect July 1, 1993."

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