

1 **SHB 2284 - H AMD 346 FAILED 2-19-96**

2 By Representatives Costa and Scott

3 On page 7, after line 8, insert:

4 "NEW SECTION. Sec 9. A new section is added to 1995 2nd sp.s.  
5 c 16 to read as follows:

6 **FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION SERVICES**

7 Higher Education Technology:

8 Appropriation:

9	St Bldg Constr Acct--State.....\$	15,300,000
10	Prior Biennia (Expenditures).....\$	0
11	Future Biennia (Projected Costs).\$	0
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13	Total .....	\$ 15,300,000

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15 The appropriation in this section is subject to the following  
16 conditions and limitations:

17 (1) The funds appropriated in this section are intended to  
18 provide a telecommunications service for public higher education  
19 institutions in Washington. The intent of the legislature is to  
20 significantly enhance the public higher education system's ability  
21 to provide citizen access to quality higher education courses and  
22 degree programs throughout the state. It is also the intent of the  
23 legislature that these services be a collaborative endeavor and  
24 that resources be used carefully. In developing these services,  
25 the institutions are encouraged to actively seek the assistance and  
26 cooperation of the department of information services, the higher  
27 education coordinating board, and the state board for community and  
28 technical colleges.

29 (2) Prior to any allocation or transfer of these funds to a  
30 public institution of postsecondary education, the information  
31 services board shall approve a telecommunications plan that (a)

1 maximizes connectivity with existing state owned and operated data  
2 and communications networks, (b) provides for purchasing equipment,  
3 software, and other items necessary for the Washington higher  
4 education network project with joint institutional contracts, (c)  
5 provides system integration with K-12 education telecommunication  
6 systems and the community and technical college telecommunication  
7 systems. The information services board shall ensure that the  
8 benefits of purchasing additional hardware to expand the current  
9 telecommunications network versus leasing network services from the  
10 department of information services or from private sector providers  
11 are considered in approving and implementing the Washington higher  
12 education network.

13 (3) The information services board shall provide formal  
14 project approval and oversight during the period of development and  
15 implementation. In providing project approval, the information  
16 services board shall use a two-step process. First, a request or  
17 requests for proposals shall be developed and approved in  
18 accordance with information services board guidelines. Second,  
19 after receipt of proposals from the private sector and thorough  
20 analysis by information services board staff, following the  
21 guidelines of the information services board and instructions  
22 contained in this section, acquisition approval by the information  
23 services board shall be considered.

24 (4) Before a public institution of higher education may expend  
25 any of the funds provided in this section, the following shall  
26 occur: (a) a process to develop a programming and location plan  
27 shall be developed by participating education institutions in  
28 collaboration with and approval by the higher education  
29 coordinating board; and (b) a governance structure for the  
30 Washington higher education network shall be approved by the higher  
31 education coordinating board.

32 (5) All moneys appropriated in this section shall be held in  
33 allotment reserve until (a) the higher education coordinating board

1 has approved a preliminary statewide program plan including a  
2 governance structure for the Washington higher education network  
3 and (b) the information services board has approved the network  
4 necessary to implement the telecommunications plan described in  
5 subsection (2) of this section. The office of financial management  
6 shall approve allotments of only those funds necessary to acquire  
7 and implement the Washington higher educations network approved by  
8 the information services board. Any fund in excess of those  
9 required to acquire and implement the Washington higher education  
10 network shall not be allotted and shall be held in reserve.

11 (7) Expenditures from this appropriating in this section shall  
12 be for capital purposes and shall comply with the bondability  
13 guidelines published by the office of financial management in the  
14 capita budget instructions manual."

**EFFECT:** Appropriates \$15.3 million to the Department of  
Information Services to provide the capital costs of the  
Washington Higher Education Network.