

2 **E2SSB 6705** - H COMM AMD **ADOPTED 3-1-96**
3 By Committee on Higher Education

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

7 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature recognizes that up-to-date
8 technology is a critical ingredient in the preparation of an educated
9 and knowledgeable work force and citizenry. Expansion of access to
10 higher education through distance learning is an activity that merits
11 the support of the state legislature.

12 The development of a distance education system using technology
13 will provide great opportunities for change in the delivery of
14 educational services and deserves due deliberation and coordinated
15 policy planning to ensure that the high standards of program quality
16 and cost-efficient service are enhanced.

17 The legislature finds that, in order to facilitate lifelong
18 learning, educational technology systems must be coordinated among all
19 educational sectors, with the other entities of federal, state, and
20 local government, and be readily accessible to the general population
21 of the state. It is the intent of the legislature to make maximum use
22 of a common telecommunications backbone network in building or
23 expanding education technology systems.

24 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The higher education network and distance
25 education committee is established with the purpose of designing a
26 higher education distance education network and implementation plan.

27 The department of information services shall convene, in
28 cooperation with the higher education coordinating board, a committee
29 to assist in the development of the design and implementation plan.
30 The committee shall include the following members or their designees:
31 The director of the department of information services; the executive
32 director of the higher education coordinating board; one community or
33 technical college president, appointed by the state board for community
34 and technical colleges; one president of a public baccalaureate
35 institution, appointed by the council of presidents; the state

1 librarian; the superintendent of public instruction; and on a nonvoting
2 basis, one representative of private colleges and one representative of
3 the computer or telecommunications industry, each appointed by the
4 higher education coordinating board. The committee may appoint
5 advisory subcommittees including, but not limited to, persons
6 representing: The state board of education, the work force training
7 and education coordinating board, the state board for community and
8 technical colleges, the commission on student learning, the higher
9 education coordinating board, educational service districts, higher
10 education administrators, faculty, classified staff, secondary
11 education teachers, parents, students, private institutions of higher
12 education, public libraries, and representatives of the technology and
13 telecommunication industry.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** (1) The network design shall: (a) Maximize
15 existing networks and video telecommunications resources owned or
16 operated by the state; (b) minimize duplication of technology resources
17 and education programs or degrees at institutions; (c) provide optimum
18 geographic and social distribution of the benefits of a network; (d)
19 ensure that the network can be expanded and upgraded, is based on an
20 open-architecture model, and connects to national and worldwide
21 information infrastructures; (e) foster partnerships among public,
22 private, and nonprofit entities, including private institutions of
23 higher education; and (f) provide for future access by public entities
24 on a no-cost or low-cost basis. Such entities shall include, but are
25 not limited to public libraries, public hospitals, public schools, and
26 public service agencies.

27 (2) The design shall detail which sites shall be connected to the
28 network and the technologies to be used at each site. In developing
29 the design, the committee shall evaluate the benefits of purchasing
30 additional hardware versus leasing network services from the public or
31 private sector.

32 (3) The implementation plan shall prioritize investments into
33 phases to be funded by the legislature. The plan shall also
34 incorporate specific funding options that are appropriate for the 1997
35 supplemental budget and subsequent biennial budgets. The committee
36 shall ensure that in each phase: (a) The addition of a site or sites
37 to the network will result in a completed link and the capability to
38 operate distance education programs; (b) the sites added in each phase

1 have an approved service delivery plan in accordance with section 4 of
2 this act; and (c) each phase has completed a request for proposal
3 process.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** Working in conjunction with the committee,
5 the higher education coordinating board shall approve a service
6 delivery plan, including an assessment of community needs, programming,
7 and service levels, that provides for effective use of network
8 resources at each site included in the design of the network. The
9 board shall also approve a network governance structure, ensuring
10 participation by all members of the network.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** The committee shall submit for approval or
12 modification, the higher education distance education network design
13 and implementation plan to the information services board. Upon
14 approval the board shall submit the design and implementation plan to
15 the office of financial management and the relevant fiscal and policy
16 committees of the legislature by October 1, 1996.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** A new section is added to chapter 43.105 RCW
18 to read as follows:

19 (1) The department of information services may receive such gifts,
20 grants, legislative appropriations, and endowments from public or
21 private sources as may be made from time to time, in trust or
22 otherwise, for the use and benefit of the purposes of the higher
23 education distance education network and expend the same or any income
24 therefrom according to the terms of the gifts, grants, or endowments.

25 (2) The higher education technology account is hereby established
26 in the custody of the state treasurer. The department of information
27 services shall deposit in the account all moneys received from
28 legislative appropriations, gifts, grants, or endowments for higher
29 education technology. Moneys in the account may be spent only for
30 implementation of the higher education network. Disbursements from the
31 account shall be on authorization of the director of the department
32 with approval of the information services board. The account is
33 subject to the allotment procedure provided under chapter 43.88 RCW,
34 but no appropriation is required for disbursements.

1 **Sec. 7.** RCW 43.105.032 and 1992 c 20 s 8 are each amended to read
2 as follows:

3 There is hereby created the Washington state information services
4 board. The board shall be composed of ~~((nine))~~ twelve members.
5 ~~((Seven))~~ Eight members shall be appointed by the governor, one of
6 ~~((which))~~ whom shall be a representative of higher education, one of
7 whom shall be the superintendent of public instruction or shall be
8 appointed by the superintendent of public instruction, one of ~~((which))~~
9 whom shall be a representative of an agency under a state-wide elected
10 official other than the governor, and ~~((one))~~ two of ~~((which))~~ whom
11 shall be ~~((a))~~ representatives of the private sector. One member shall
12 represent the judicial branch and be appointed by the chief justice of
13 the supreme court. ~~((One member shall represent the legislative branch~~
14 ~~and shall be selected by the president of the senate and the speaker of~~
15 ~~the house of representatives.))~~ One member shall represent the house
16 of representatives and shall be selected by the speaker of the house of
17 representatives, and one member shall represent the senate and shall be
18 appointed by the president of the senate. The representatives of the
19 house of representatives and senate shall not be from the same
20 political party. These members shall constitute the membership of the
21 board with full voting rights. Members of the board shall serve at the
22 pleasure of the appointing authority. The director shall be ~~((an ex~~
23 ~~officio, nonvoting))~~ a voting member of the board. The board shall
24 select a chairperson from among its members.

25 Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner that the original
26 appointments were made.

27 A majority of the members of the board shall constitute a quorum
28 for the transaction of business.

29 Members of the board shall be compensated for service on the board
30 in accordance with RCW 43.03.240 and shall be reimbursed for travel
31 expenses as provided in RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.

32 **Sec. 8.** RCW 28B.80.600 and 1990 c 208 s 9 are each amended to read
33 as follows:

34 The higher education coordinating board shall provide state-wide
35 coordination ~~((of video))~~ in telecommunications programming ~~((for the~~
36 ~~public four-year higher education institutions))~~, location selection,
37 meeting community needs, and development of a state-wide higher
38 education telecommunications plan for institutions of higher education.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 9.** Sections 1 through 5 of this act shall
2 expire June 30, 1997."

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6 On page 1, line 2 of the title, after "technology;" strike the
7 remainder of the title and insert "amending RCW 43.105.032 and
8 28B.80.600; adding a new section to chapter 43.105 RCW; creating new
9 sections; and providing an expiration date."

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