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By Representatives Mason, Van Luven, Veloria, Ballasiotes, Costa, Morris, Wood, Tokuda, Kessler, Scott and Blalock

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1 AN ACT Relating to funding for business and economic development  
2 programs; adding a new section to chapter 82.04 RCW; creating a new  
3 section; and making appropriations.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that there is a need  
6 to increase economic opportunity in economically distressed  
7 communities. The legislature further finds that efforts to increase  
8 economic opportunity in economically distressed communities must  
9 involve a collaborative effort between community and business  
10 development agencies, individual businesses, financial institutions,  
11 public sector agencies, institutions of higher education, and community  
12 residents. It is the intent of the legislature to support institutions  
13 of higher education in the establishment of collaborative efforts to  
14 increase economic opportunity in economically distressed communities.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 82.04 RCW  
16 to read as follows:

17 (1) There may be credited against the tax imposed by this chapter,  
18 the value of a contribution to an institution of higher education for

1 the purpose of increasing business and economic development  
2 opportunities for residents in distressed areas, for a business subject  
3 to taxation under this chapter.

4 (2) The credit allowed under this section is limited to an amount  
5 equal to fifty percent of the value of the contribution. The total  
6 credits allowed under this section shall not exceed one hundred  
7 thousand dollars per calendar year. The total credits allowed under  
8 this section for a business shall not exceed fifty thousand dollars per  
9 calendar year.

10 (3) Prior to claiming the credit under this section, the business  
11 must obtain approval of the proposed contribution from the institution  
12 of higher education and the department of revenue. The request of the  
13 business for approval must include a description of the proposed  
14 contribution and an estimate of the value of the proposed contribution.

15 (4) As used in this section, "contribution" means either cash or  
16 other in-kind contributions or both.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The sum of fifty thousand dollars, or as  
18 much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for the fiscal year  
19 ending June 30, 1998, from the general fund to the University of  
20 Washington for the purposes of the school of business administration's  
21 business and economic development program. The appropriation in this  
22 section is subject to the following conditions and limitations:

23 (1) The state funds shall be matched with nonstate sources. The  
24 match may include cash and other in-kind contributions; and

25 (2) No portion of the appropriation under this section shall be  
26 used to pay indirect costs of the University of Washington.

27 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** The sum of fifty thousand dollars, or as  
28 much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for the fiscal year  
29 ending June 30, 1999, from the general fund to the University of  
30 Washington for the purposes of the school of business administration's  
31 business and economic development program. The appropriation in this  
32 section is subject to the following conditions and limitations:

33 (1) The state funds shall be matched with nonstate sources. The  
34 match may include cash and other in-kind contributions; and

1           (2) No portion of the appropriation under this section shall be  
2 used to pay indirect costs of the University of Washington.

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