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HOUSE BILL 2481

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By Representatives Schoesler, Sump, Sheahan, Honeyford, Mulliken and McCune

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- 1 AN ACT Relating to requiring authorization for certain higher
- 2 education personnel arrangements; and amending RCW 28B.80.350.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
- 4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28B.80.350 and 1993 c 77 s 2 are each amended to read 5 as follows:
- 6 The board shall coordinate educational activities among all
- 7 segments of higher education taking into account the educational
- 8 programs, facilities, and other resources of both public and
- 9 independent two and four-year colleges and universities. The four-year
- 10 institutions and the state board for community and technical colleges
- 11 shall coordinate information and activities with the board. The board
- 12 shall have the following additional responsibilities:
- (1) Promote interinstitutional cooperation;
- 14 (2) Establish minimum admission standards for four-year
- 15 institutions, including a requirement that coursework in American sign
- 16 language or an American Indian language shall satisfy any requirement
- 17 for instruction in a language other than English that the board or the
- 18 institutions may establish as a general undergraduate admissions
- 19 requirement;

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1 (3) Establish transfer policies;

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- (4) Adopt rules implementing statutory residency requirements;
- 3 (5) Develop and administer reciprocity agreements with bordering 4 states and the province of British Columbia;
- 5 (6) Review and recommend compensation practices and levels for 6 administrative employees, exempt under chapter 28B.16 RCW, and faculty 7 using comparative data from peer institutions;
- 8 (7) Monitor higher education activities for compliance with all 9 relevant state policies for higher education;
- 10 (8) Arbitrate disputes between and among four-year institutions or 11 between and among four-year institutions and community colleges at the 12 request of one or more of the institutions involved, or at the request 13 of the governor, or from a resolution adopted by the legislature. The 14 decision of the board shall be binding on the participants in the 15 dispute;
- 16 (9) Establish and implement a state system for collecting, 17 analyzing, and distributing information;
- (10) Recommend to the governor and the legislature ways to remove any economic incentives to use off-campus program funds for on-campus activities; ((and))
- 21 (11) Make recommendations to increase minority participation, and 22 monitor and report on the progress of minority participation in higher 23 education; and
- (12) Approve higher education employees' professional leave agreements, severance packages, or contract settlements that exceed fifty thousand dollars, unless the monetary amount is otherwise provided for in the omnibus appropriations act.

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