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By Senators Wood, Kohl, Winsley, Bauer, Hale, Sheldon, Horn and Oke; by request of Higher Education Coordinating Board

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1 AN ACT Relating to authorizing the higher education coordinating
2 board to conduct pilot programs in alternative tuition setting for
3 distance education, packaging tuition and fees, and enrollment
4 agreements with other states; and adding new sections to chapter 28B.80
5 RCW.

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

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 28B.80 RCW
8 to read as follows:

9 The state of Washington is confronted with providing higher
10 education for an additional eighty-four thousand students by the year
11 2010. This requires that all possible methods of delivering higher
12 education be considered. This includes technology and considering
13 agreements with other states that may have the capacity to provide
14 higher education opportunities for Washington citizens. To make use of
15 these new approaches requires consideration of what these methods of
16 delivery will cost and how that will impact tuition and state support
17 of higher education and consideration of different tuition models and
18 levels of state support for technology-based delivery models and

1 incentives for Washington students to use enrollment agreements with
2 other states.

3 A second step in meeting the needs of students efficiently is to
4 assure maximum use of all existing institutions. To assure such use,
5 packaging of tuition, fees, and living expense models for four years
6 should be developed as an incentive for using space available.

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 28B.80 RCW
8 to read as follows:

9 (1) The higher education coordinating board shall develop up to
10 three tuition and state support models for the delivery of technology-
11 based programs. The models shall identify the cost and distribution of
12 tuition and state support if the degree program is offered by a single
13 Washington institution of higher education or by a consortium of
14 Washington institutions of higher education. The board shall also make
15 recommendations on levels of tuition and state support for Washington
16 state participation in the western governors' virtual university.

17 (2) The board shall develop up to three incentive models to
18 encourage Washington students to use enrollment agreements with other
19 states. This does not affect current reciprocity agreements or
20 agreements set forth in chapter 28B.70 RCW.

21 (3) The board shall develop one model for packaging tuition, fees,
22 and living expenses to cover a four-year period.

23 (4) The board shall report to the legislature no later than
24 December 30, 1997, on the models developed and its recommendation on
25 the use of the models.

26 (5) The models shall not be implemented until authorized by the
27 legislature.

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