

2 ESSCR 8425 - H COMM AMD
3 By Committee on Higher Education

ADOPTED AS AMENDED 2/29/00

4

5 Beginning on page 1, line 1, strike the remainder of the resolution
6 and insert the following:

7 "WHEREAS, Chapter 370, Laws of 1985, created the Washington Higher
8 Education Coordinating Board to plan, coordinate, and provide policy
9 analysis for higher education and to represent the broad public
10 interest above the interests of individual colleges and universities;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, Section 4, chapter 370, Laws of 1985, requires the board
13 to prepare and update a master plan for higher education and requires
14 the Legislature, by concurrent resolution, to "approve or recommend
15 changes" to the master plan and its subsequent updates; and

16 WHEREAS, The provisions of the master plan that are approved by the
17 Legislature become state higher education policy unless legislation is
18 subsequently enacted to revise those policies; and

19 WHEREAS, The Washington Higher Education Coordinating Board
20 submitted the initial master plan to the Legislature in December 1987,
21 and submitted updates to the plan in December 1992, January 1996, and
22 January 2000; and

23 WHEREAS, During the process used to develop the 2000 master plan,
24 the board consulted with students and families, educators, business,
25 labor, and civic organizations representing a cross-section of
26 Washington citizens; and

27 WHEREAS, The board learned that the need and expectation for higher
28 education among Washington citizens will continue to grow through the
29 next decade, because of population increases as well as the demands of
30 the state's increasingly technology-based economy; and

31 WHEREAS, The board reported that Washington's public and private
32 colleges and universities and career schools would need to provide
33 opportunities for additional students by the year 2010; and

34 WHEREAS, The board has spelled out its commitment to continuing to
35 expand enrollment opportunities for Washington students, to keep public
36 higher education affordable for students and families, and to provide

1 financial assistance to those who cannot otherwise afford to go to
2 college; and

3 WHEREAS, The board identified five specific goals for the state to
4 address higher education needs in the next ten years:

5 (1) Making student learning the yardstick by which institutional
6 accountability, effectiveness, and efficiency is measured;

7 (2) Linking students' participation in higher education to their
8 achievement in the K-12 grades;

9 (3) Providing the information citizens need to make the best use of
10 the learning pathways available to them;

11 (4) Enhancing higher education opportunity through greater use of
12 e-learning technologies and by increasingly efficient use of public
13 facilities; and

14 (5) Helping colleges and universities meet student needs and
15 compete in an increasingly competitive and complex education
16 marketplace; and

17 WHEREAS, The board challenged itself, students, and families, the
18 public and private institutions, the private sector, and the state to
19 each accept its individual responsibilities and to collaborate in the
20 development of solutions; and

21 WHEREAS, The board described an implementation plan to guide the
22 state's response to the needs of higher education and to estimate the
23 costs of the strategies;

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Senate of the State of
25 Washington, the House of Representatives concurring, That the
26 Washington Higher Education Coordinating Board be commended for its
27 dedication and commitment to the State of Washington in producing the
28 2000 update of the master plan for higher education titled "The 21st
29 Century Learner"; and

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Legislature thank the board for
31 describing many of the challenges facing the state in its attempts to
32 provide the postsecondary education and training our citizens need to
33 fulfill their personal goals and participate fully in the world of the
34 twenty-first century; and

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Legislature reaffirm its
36 commitment to create postsecondary opportunities in response to actual
37 demand from citizens for access to high-quality education and training
38 programs; and

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the board reexamine its assumptions
2 with regard to projected upper division and graduate enrollments, and
3 that the plan reexamine the role of the community and technical
4 colleges in meeting the postsecondary needs of a significant portion of
5 Washington's population; and

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the board reexamine its assumptions
7 with regard to the capital needs of the community and technical
8 colleges and the four-year institutions of higher education, including
9 their branch campuses; and

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a joint select committee on the future
11 facility needs of higher education be established to review the
12 proposed higher education enrollment levels in the state master plan,
13 review the facility needs for future students, and review the funding
14 options for additional higher education facilities in the state. The
15 committee shall consist of eight members, four members each selected by
16 the President of the Senate and the Co-Speakers of the House of
17 Representatives and that the committee include members from the House
18 Capital Budget Committee, House Appropriations Committee, House Higher
19 Education Committee, Senate Ways and Means Committee, and Senate Higher
20 Education Committee. The joint select committee shall report its
21 findings and recommendations to the Legislature at the regular session
22 held in 2001; and

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Legislature approve the following
24 recommendations of the 2000 update of the master plan:

25 (1) The goal that, by the year 2010, Washington's system of
26 postsecondary education needs to provide opportunities for additional
27 students to enroll in high-quality education and training programs;

28 (2) That solutions to the challenge may be found in strategies that
29 (a) make student learning the yardstick by which institutional
30 accountability, effectiveness, and efficiency is measured; and (b) link
31 students' participation in higher education to their achievement in the
32 K-12 grades;

33 (3) Provide the information citizens need to make the best use of
34 the learning pathways available to them, and support outreach efforts
35 designed to ensure that the higher education system reflects the
36 diversity of the state's population;

37 (4) Expand the use of e-learning technologies and use public
38 facilities to the fullest extent possible; and

1 (5) Help colleges and universities meet student needs and compete
2 in an increasingly competitive and complex education marketplace; and
3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the board examine alternatives to
4 address the operating and capital budget needs that are identified in
5 the 2000 update of the master plan; and
6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the board proceed with the
7 implementation of the 2000 update of the master plan as described in
8 "The 21st Century Learner" and report to the 2001 Legislature on
9 progress toward implementing its strategies and on the results of its
10 review of projected enrollments and capital needs assumptions."

--- END ---