

2 **ESSCR 8425** - H COMM AMD **ADOPTED 2-29-00**  
3 By Committee on Higher Education

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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 the Legislature approve the following  
11 recommendations of the 2000 update of the master plan:

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

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

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

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

26 (5) Help colleges and universities meet student needs and compete  
27 in an increasingly competitive and complex education marketplace; and

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the board examine alternatives to  
29 address the operating and capital budget needs that are identified in  
30 the 2000 update of the master plan; and

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the board proceed with the  
32 implementation of the 2000 update of the master plan as described in  
33 "The 21st Century Learner" and report to the 2001 Legislature on  
34 progress toward implementing its strategies and on the results of its  
35 review of projected enrollments and capital needs assumptions."

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