

2 **ESSCR 8425** - H COMM AMD **685 ADOPTED 3-8-00**
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;
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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 identified the challenge of meeting future
32 demand for college education should a greater proportion of Washington
33 citizens seek upper division and graduate level study by the year 2010;
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35 WHEREAS, The board spelled out its commitment to continuing to
36 expand enrollment opportunities for Washington students, to keep public
37 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, including the necessity to develop an
24 enrollment accommodation plan that identifies where capacity exists and
25 what the highest priorities should be;

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Senate of the State of
27 Washington, the House of Representatives concurring, That the
28 Washington Higher Education Coordinating Board be commended for its
29 dedication and commitment to the State of Washington in producing the
30 2000 update of the master plan for higher education titled "The 21st
31 Century Learner"; and

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

37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Legislature reaffirm its
38 commitment to create postsecondary opportunities in response to

1 documented demand from citizens for access to high-quality education
2 and training programs; and

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

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

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the board, in consultation with the
13 office of financial management, work collaboratively with the public
14 and independent two-year and four-year universities, private vocational
15 schools, and appropriate legislative committees, to prepare an
16 enrollment accommodation plan, contemplate various growth scenarios,
17 identify related operational and capital needs, and examine
18 alternatives to address the identified budget needs; and

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the board communicate regularly with
20 the appropriate legislative committees and the governor regarding the
21 assigned tasks and report back with its results and findings before
22 proceeding with the development of its biennial budget recommendations;
23 and

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

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

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

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

38 (4) Expand the use of e-learning technologies and use public
39 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 proceed with implementation
4 of the 2000 update of the master plan; and
5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the board proceed with the
6 implementation of the 2000 update of the master plan as described in
7 "The 21st Century Learner" and modified by this resolution, and report
8 to the 2001 Legislature on progress toward implementing its
9 strategies."

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