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**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2874**

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**State of Washington**

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**By** House Committee on Higher Education (originally sponsored by Representatives Dunn, Skinner and Carlson)

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1 AN ACT Relating to a task force on community and technical college  
2 tuition, residency, and compensation; creating a new section; providing  
3 an expiration date; and declaring an emergency.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The legislature recognizes that a well-  
6 trained and educated work force is a key factor in the economic  
7 development of the state of Washington. The presence of a high  
8 quality, yet affordable system of public colleges and universities is  
9 critical in developing such a work force. It is the intent of the  
10 legislature to examine key elements and identify and address any  
11 barriers in delivering an excellent and affordable public education to  
12 its citizens.

13 (2) A legislative task force on community and technical college  
14 out-of-state tuition and residency requirements is established. The  
15 task force shall consist of:

16 (a) A maximum of four members of the house of representatives  
17 committee on higher education, equally divided from the two largest  
18 caucuses and chosen by the co-speakers of the house of representatives;  
19 and

1 (b) Two members of the house of representatives committee on  
2 appropriations, equally divided from each of the two largest caucuses  
3 and chosen by the co-speakers of the house of representatives.

4 In addition, the state board for community and technical colleges,  
5 the higher education coordinating board, and the council of presidents  
6 shall each cooperate with the task force and each maintain a liaison  
7 representative, each of whom shall be nonvoting members.

8 (3) The task force shall conduct an interim study focusing on out-  
9 of-state tuition and residency requirements at the public community and  
10 technical colleges. The study shall include, but not be limited to:

11 (a) The impact of the state's rules in setting in-state and out-of-  
12 state tuition at the community and technical colleges on the four-year  
13 baccalaureate universities and research universities; and

14 (b) How the state's residency requirements should be applied to  
15 enrollment in distance learning courses.

16 (4) The task force, where feasible, may consult with individuals  
17 from the public and private sector or ask such persons to establish an  
18 advisory committee.

19 (5) The task force shall use legislative facilities and staff from  
20 the office of program research.

21 (6) The task force shall report its findings and recommendations to  
22 the legislature by December 1, 2000.

23 (7) This section expires July 1, 2001.

24 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** This act is necessary for the immediate  
25 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the  
26 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect  
27 immediately.

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