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Sponsor(s): Senators Kohl-Welles, Jacobsen, Sheahan, Shin, B. Sheldon, McAuliffe, Horn, Finkbeiner, Winsley, Costa and Rasmussen

Brief Description: Establishing a working relationship between the high technology industry and the higher education community.

**SB 6747 - DIGEST**

(SEE ALSO PROPOSED 1ST SUB)

Provides that, beginning in April 2000, the higher education coordinating board, the state board for community and technical colleges, and a representative of the technology industry shall convene a work group in consultation with the council of presidents and its member institutions, the office of the superintendent of public instruction, the Washington federation of career schools and colleges, the Washington association of independent colleges and universities, representatives from the high technology industry, and other higher education providers.

Directs the work group to (a) review industry recommendations specific to higher education, (b) establish priorities including but not limited to an inventory of higher education high technology programs and offerings, (c) develop strategies to address high technology employment demand, and (d) develop an implementation plan for action by the institutions of higher education and industry to enhance opportunities for employment in high technology fields.

Requires a report to the fiscal and higher education committees of the legislature by December 1, 2000, on progress made by the work group.

Expires December 31, 2001.