

# SENATE BILL REPORT

## SSB 6504

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As Passed Senate, February 18, 2002

**Title:** An act relating to institutions of higher education.

**Brief Description:** Changing provisions relating to institutions of higher education.

**Sponsors:** Senate Committee on Higher Education (originally sponsored by Senators Kohl-Welles, Horn, Shin, Carlson, B. Sheldon, McAuliffe, Parlette, Jacobsen, Franklin and Sheahan).

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:** Higher Education: 1/31/02, 2/7/02 [DPS].

Passed Senate: 2/18/02, 47-0.

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### SENATE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION

**Majority Report:** That Substitute Senate Bill No. 6504 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass.

Signed by Senators Kohl-Welles, Chair; Shin, Vice Chair; Carlson, Horn, Jacobsen, McAuliffe and B. Sheldon.

**Staff:** Jean Six (786-7423)

**Background:** The 1989 Legislature established branch campuses of the University of Washington and Washington State University to provide upper-division and graduate level programs to under-served urban areas of the state. In statute, they are referred to as branch campuses rather than as specific institutions.

**Summary of Bill:** The term branch campus is no longer used in statute and each of the five campuses is named individually: University of Washington Tacoma, University of Washington Bothell, Washington State University Vancouver, Washington State University Tri-Cities, and Washington State University Spokane. References to the joint center are deleted and language clarifying responsibilities of the regional universities and TESC is inserted.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Not requested.

**Effective Date:** Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

**Testimony For:** We do have a community identity and do not want to be seen as an appendage of a main campus. There are various relationships among the four campuses of WSU and with the individual communities. The UW sees itself as a three-campus university. The two research institutions each have a unique relationship with the "branches." Be very

careful about inadvertent policy changes that may have unintended consequences for CWU Centers.

**Testimony Against:** None.

**Testified:** PRO: Hal Dengerink, Campus Dean, WSU Vancouver; Bill Gray, Campus Dean, WSU Spokane; Warren Buck, Chancellor, UW Bothell; Doug Baker, Acting Provost, WSU; Larry James, Campus Dean, WSU Tri-Cities; Jack Nelson, Vice Chancellor, UW Tacoma, Ann Anderson, Gov't. Relations, CWU.