

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 6504

As Reported By Senate Committee On:
Higher Education, February 7, 2002

Title: An act relating to institutions of higher education.

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

Sponsors: 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].

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.

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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 Substitute 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.

Substitute Bill Compared to Original Bill: The names of the individual universities match with common usage. Technical amendments are included.

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.