

1 **SSCR 8401** - H COMM AMD **NOT ADOPTED 4/17/03**  
2 By Committee on Higher Education

3 On page 1, strike everything after "WHEREAS," on line 1 and  
4 insert the following:

5 "Collaboration and coordination among all sectors of education  
6 including but not limited to prekindergarten, the K-12 system, the  
7 community and technical college system, the four-year colleges and  
8 universities, and the independent colleges and private career  
9 schools are essential to developing an educated citizenry;

10 WHEREAS, The education and higher education committees of the  
11 Washington State Senate and House of Representatives each intend  
12 separately to examine issues of strategic planning, coordination,  
13 and governance for the K-12 and postsecondary education systems  
14 during the 2003 legislative interim; and

15 WHEREAS, A forum should be created to expand collaboration  
16 among educational sectors, starting with the education oversight  
17 committees of the Legislature;

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Senate of the State of  
19 Washington, the House of Representatives concurring, That the  
20 Senate committee on education, the Senate committee on higher  
21 education, the House of Representatives committee on education, and  
22 the House of Representatives committee on higher education shall  
23 convene a joint work session along with education and higher  
24 education stakeholders before December 31, 2003; and

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the purpose of the joint work  
26 session shall be for the committees and stakeholders to share the  
27 findings and recommendations of their interim work on strategic  
28 planning, coordination, and governance in K-12 and postsecondary  
29 education and to discuss common topics and themes that cross  
30 educational sectors; and

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, At the joint work session, the  
2 committees and stakeholders shall discuss opportunities for further  
3 collaboration in policy development and oversight of the various  
4 educational sectors in Washington."

**EFFECT:** Replaces the interim work group with an interim work session of the House and Senate Education and Higher Education committees, along with stakeholders, to be held prior to December 31, 2003. Instead of developing recommendations for a Master Plan for Education, the committees and stakeholders will share findings and recommendations from their separate work on strategic planning, coordination, and governance in K-12 and higher education and discuss common topics that cross education sectors. The committees and stakeholders will also discuss further opportunities for collaboration and oversight.