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By Committee on Higher Education

1 Beginning on page 1, line 1, strike all material through  
2 "accountable." on page 3, line 14 and insert the following:

3 "WHEREAS, The Higher Education Coordinating Board is required to  
4 prepare a strategic master plan for higher education every four years  
5 that proposes a vision and identifies goals and priorities for the  
6 higher education system in Washington state and identifies strategies  
7 for achieving the board's goals; and

8 WHEREAS, The board, in accordance with House Bill No. 2076,  
9 developed an interim strategic master plan and presented the plan to  
10 the Legislature and Governor on December 15, 2003, as required by the  
11 statute; and

12 WHEREAS, The Legislature recognizes the need for Washington to  
13 provide affordable access for nearly thirty-five thousand additional  
14 students in higher education; and

15 WHEREAS, As a result, the strategic master plan for higher  
16 education must be comprehensive and include specific enrollment  
17 forecasts and locations, service delivery models, timelines, and  
18 benchmarks for achieving its recommendations; and

19 WHEREAS, The Legislature acknowledges that accountability for  
20 achieving the goals in the master plan rests with all parties: The  
21 institutions of higher education, various state boards and agencies,  
22 and the Legislature;

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the House of Representatives of  
24 the state of Washington, the Senate concurring, That the Legislature  
25 request the board to make the final 2004 strategic master plan both a  
26 platform for enhanced advocacy on behalf of higher education and a tool  
27 for coordinated planning, funding, and building to meet increased  
28 demand for higher education; and

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the board include the following  
30 information in the final plan:

31 (1) Additional analysis regarding the board's goal to increase by

1 twenty percent the total number of students who earn college degrees  
2 and earn job training credentials by the year 2010, including:

3 (a) The number of students expected to demand access in each sector  
4 of postsecondary education, by region;

5 (b) Strategies to align high school standards and assessments with  
6 college admission and placement practices;

7 (c) The current service delivery model and its capacity under  
8 current plans to enroll additional students, any proposed changes to  
9 the service delivery model, and the potential consequences of those  
10 changes;

11 (d) A process for developing a prekindergarten through university  
12 master plan;

13 (e) The economic demand for education and training in general and  
14 specific fields and at all levels of postsecondary education; and

15 (f) The estimated costs of meeting the board's enrollment goal,  
16 with alternative scenarios depending on the service delivery model; and

17 (2) Specific recommendations for how the state can best meet the  
18 board's goal, including the number of students to be added at each  
19 current campus or center; proposals for additional locations or methods  
20 for delivering education, including the encouragement for utilization  
21 of the capacity of the independent colleges and universities; and  
22 resulting capital and operating costs; and

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Legislature concur with the  
24 board's general strategies to improve educational efficiency, promote  
25 innovation in service delivery, improve higher education's  
26 responsiveness to the state's economic needs, and improve K-12/higher  
27 education linkages to promote student success in college. However, to  
28 be more effective, the board should target a limited number of  
29 strategies and provide more specificity in how these strategies will be  
30 accomplished, including supporting data and analysis regarding the  
31 problems and proposed solutions; and

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the final plan recognize that while  
33 institutions are temporarily authorized to establish tuition and fees  
34 for nonresident and graduate students, the Legislature maintains  
35 responsibility to establish tuition and fees for resident undergraduate  
36 students; and

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the board address quality by providing  
2 funding options that allows Washington to recruit and retain the  
3 highest quality faculty; and

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That within the current higher education  
5 governance structure, the board, the State Board for Community and  
6 Technical Colleges, and the Work Force Training and Education  
7 Coordinating Board work to improve communication and minimize  
8 duplication among the three agencies; and

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the final plan contain measurable  
10 performance indicators, targets, and benchmarks to gauge progress  
11 toward achieving the plan's goals for quantity, cost, quality, and  
12 timeliness, including recommendations for specific actions on the part  
13 of higher education institutions, education boards and agencies, and  
14 the Legislature, so that each can be held accountable."

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