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SECOND SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2843

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By House Committee on Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives Sommers, Kenney, Cox, Fromhold, Sehlin, Priest, Chase, McCoy, Ormsby and Lantz)

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1 AN ACT Relating to regional universities; amending RCW 28B.45.020;  
2 adding a new section to chapter 28B.20 RCW; creating new sections; and  
3 providing an effective date.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The legislature finds that, over the  
6 next decade, large numbers of Washington students will graduate from  
7 high school and seek access to higher education. Washington's new  
8 knowledge-based economy demands ever-increasing levels of education and  
9 training from our work force. Yet Washington continues to lag  
10 significantly behind other states in its production of students with  
11 baccalaureate and graduate degrees.

12 (2) The legislature also finds that no new public four-year  
13 institution of higher education has been created since 1967. There has  
14 been no new comprehensive institution since before statehood in the  
15 late 1890s when the state normal schools were established.

16 (3) The legislature affirms its continued strong support for  
17 Washington's community and technical college system and the two plus  
18 two model of education that provides access to baccalaureate degrees

1 throughout the state. The legislature further finds that creation of  
2 an additional four-year institution would complement the existing  
3 structure and provide additional options for students.

4 (4) The current branch campus of the University of Washington at  
5 Bothell offers an opportunity to take advantage of the excellence and  
6 reputation of a premier research university while also creating a four-  
7 year campus focused on providing access to baccalaureate and  
8 professional graduate education in a heavily populated urban area of  
9 the state.

10 (5) Therefore, the legislature intends to create the University of  
11 Washington Bothell, a four-year campus with the mission of a  
12 comprehensive university.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 28B.20 RCW  
14 to read as follows:

15 There is hereby established the University of Washington Bothell as  
16 a campus with a distinct mission to offer lower and upper-division  
17 undergraduate and graduate education programs through the master's  
18 degree, including programs of a practical and applied nature, directed  
19 to the educational and professional needs of the residents in the  
20 region; to act as a receiving institution for transferring community  
21 college students; and to provide extended occupational and  
22 complementary studies programs that continue or are otherwise  
23 integrated with the educational services of the region's community  
24 colleges.

25 **Sec. 3.** RCW 28B.45.020 and 1994 c 217 s 3 are each amended to read  
26 as follows:

27 The University of Washington is responsible for ensuring the  
28 expansion of upper-division and graduate educational programs in the  
29 central Puget Sound area under rules or guidelines adopted by the  
30 higher education coordinating board. The University of Washington  
31 shall meet that responsibility through the operation of ~~((at least two  
32 branch campuses. One))~~ a branch campus ~~((shall be))~~ located in the  
33 Tacoma area. ~~((Another branch campus shall be collocated with Cascadia  
34 Community College in the Bothell Woodinville area.))~~

1        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 4.** (1) The University of Washington shall  
2 convene a transition work group to identify implementation issues and  
3 recommend solutions associated with the new designation of the  
4 University of Washington Bothell.

5        (2) The work group must include representatives from the university  
6 main campus and Bothell campus, the higher education coordinating  
7 board, and the office of financial management.

8        (3) The work group must address the following issues as well as  
9 others identified by the work group:

10        (a) The phase-in of lower-division courses;

11        (b) An enrollment plan that provides adequate capacity for  
12 community college transfer students;

13        (c) Appropriate levels of state general fund support and tuition  
14 and fees for the campus, commensurate with its role and mission; and

15        (d) Identification of any start-up costs to implement the  
16 transition.

17        (4) If the work group determines that the proposed transition for  
18 the campus has a direct or indirect impact on the facilities, students,  
19 faculty, or programs of Cascadia Community College, the University of  
20 Washington shall involve representatives from the college in  
21 discussions regarding the impact.

22        (5) The work group must submit a progress report to the higher  
23 education and fiscal committees of the senate and house of  
24 representatives by December 15, 2004.

25        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 5.** Sections 2 and 3 of this act take effect  
26 July 1, 2005.

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