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SENATE BILL 6566

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By Senators Jacobsen, Kohl-Welles, Carlson, Shin and Horn

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1            AN ACT Relating to an intercollegiate and community swim facility;  
2            creating a new section; and making an appropriation.

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

4            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that there has been a  
5            significant increase in the demand for adequate swimming facilities and  
6            that the state presently has insufficient facilities to meet the needs  
7            of our residents.    Aquatics programs offer opportunities for a  
8            significant number of Washington residents of all ages.    Whether the  
9            aquatics activities are instructional swimming, rehabilitation therapy,  
10           aqua aerobics, recreation, diving, SCUBA, wellness programs, swimming  
11           camps, or athletic competition, the events are equally available for  
12           both men and women.

13           Popularity of competitive swimming, diving, and synchronized  
14           swimming as Olympic events have encouraged many of our young athletes  
15           to pursue swimming activities.    Several of our young athletes from the  
16           Puget Sound region have qualified for the Olympic trials including  
17           Megan Quann, Dana and Tara Kirk, and Emily and Helen Silver.    Athletes  
18           like Shawn Sussex also have an excellent future for Olympic

1 involvement. Through swimming, these athletes have become outstanding  
2 role models who have shown other young people that swimming can provide  
3 positive experiences and lifetime values.

4 The development of a combined intercollegiate and community swim  
5 facility at the University of Washington will provide a significant  
6 benefit to the state through a public and private partnership in the  
7 tradition of the Northwest commitment to our citizens, our youth, and  
8 the athletic community.

9 It is, therefore, the intent of the legislature to support a swim  
10 facility with the capacity to accommodate intercollegiate swim and dive  
11 competitions, including springboard and platform diving. The facility  
12 shall also support university intramural and recreational activities by  
13 students, faculty, and staff. Community use shall also be accommodated  
14 and scheduled for local competitive swim teams, swim lessons, swim  
15 camps, Special Olympics, and high school competitions.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The sum of ten million dollars, or as much  
17 thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for the biennium ending  
18 June 30, 2005, from the state building construction account to the  
19 University of Washington as matching funds for the construction of a  
20 collegiate and community swim facility. The amount provided in this  
21 section shall be matched by an equal amount from combined donations of  
22 institutional, student, and private donations.

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