

5914-S

Sponsor(s): Senate Committee on Higher Education (originally sponsored by Senators Carlson and Kohl-Welles)

Brief Description: Relating to higher education. Revised for 1st Substitute: Studying potential higher education opportunities in Vancouver. Revised for 2nd Substitute: Higher education/Vancouver

**SB 5914-S - DIGEST**

(SUBSTITUTED FOR - SEE 2ND SUB)

Finds it necessary to examine thoroughly and objectively the prospect of creating additional baccalaureate and graduate opportunities in Vancouver. The legislature also recognizes there may be other unserved or underserved areas in the state.

Directs the Washington state institute for public policy to conduct a feasibility study for the creation of additional baccalaureate and graduate opportunities for public higher education in Vancouver.

Directs the institute to submit its findings from the feasibility study to the higher education and fiscal committees of the senate and house of representatives by December 15, 2004.

Requires the institute to develop a proposal for a study that may investigate the need for additional baccalaureate access in other parts of Washington state that are either unserved or underserved.

Appropriates the sum of ninety thousand dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, from the state general fund to the Washington state institute for public policy for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2005, to carry out the purposes of this act.