
HOUSE BILL 2043

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By Representatives Conway, Cox, Sells, Kenney, Simpson and Chase

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1 AN ACT Relating to a graduate job placement pilot program; adding
2 a new section to chapter 50.12 RCW; and providing an expiration date.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 50.12 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) A student services office is established as a pilot program in
7 the employment security department to coordinate job placement
8 activities and resources for graduate and professional students at the
9 University of Washington and Washington State University career
10 services departments, while acting as a liaison between the employment
11 security department WorkSource program, and the business community and
12 graduate and professional students of the University of Washington and
13 Washington State University. This pilot program begins July 1, 2005,
14 and expires June 30, 2007.

15 (2) The center for career services at the University of Washington
16 and career services at Washington State University shall each hire one
17 full-time equivalent employee to facilitate career services for
18 graduate and professional students. The responsibilities of this

1 employee are at the discretion of the department, except that the
2 employee must coordinate career services resources and events between
3 the individual department and the employment security department.

4 (3) The student services office shall create an annual job
5 placement survey for graduate and professional students at the
6 University of Washington and Washington State University. The survey
7 will be implemented at the end of the 2005-06 and 2006-07 academic
8 years for each participating institution. The University of Washington
9 and Washington State University must participate in this survey.
10 Information from this survey will be used for internal purposes at the
11 employment security department, the University of Washington, and
12 Washington State University. Some information shall be made public for
13 the benefit of students and businesses, but only to the extent and in
14 the manner permitted by law.

15 (4) The student services office advisory board is hereby created to
16 oversee this program. This board shall consist of a representative
17 from each department at the University of Washington and Washington
18 State University at which a new full-time equivalent employee is
19 employed for the purposes in this section. The student services office
20 director shall also be a member of the board. A representative from
21 the University of Washington and Washington State University shall each
22 hold the chair position and responsibilities for one year. The board
23 shall meet four times yearly, once per quarter. Each institution shall
24 host a meeting before an institution may again host the meeting. The
25 board may permit an institution to not host a meeting on a one-time
26 basis with a unanimous vote of approval.

27 (5) By December 1, 2006, the student services office advisory board
28 shall report to appropriate committees of the legislature on the impact
29 of the pilot program in this section on job placement services for
30 graduate and professional students at the University of Washington and
31 Washington State University.

32 (6) Funds for this pilot program shall provide for two full-time
33 equivalent employees: One full-time equivalent employee placed with
34 the employment security department as the director of the student
35 services office; and one full-time equivalent employee placed with the
36 employment security department to coordinate and implement the job
37 placement survey. Additional funding shall be provided for necessary

1 administrative support and coordination of events and resources between
2 the employment security department, the University of Washington, and
3 Washington State University.

4 (7) This section expires June 30, 2007.

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