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**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2107**

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**State of Washington                      59th Legislature                      2005 Regular Session**

**By** House Committee on Higher Education (originally sponsored by Representatives Kenney, Cox, Ormsby, Rodne, Williams, Upthegrove and McDermott)

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1            AN ACT Relating to a statewide student association; and creating  
2 new sections.

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

4            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.**    (1) The legislature finds that students at  
5 Washington's public four-year institutions of higher education should  
6 have the opportunity to participate in debates, discussion, and the  
7 policymaking process regarding higher education through their  
8 designated student representatives.

9            (2) The legislature further finds that, as a statewide student  
10 association, the Washington student lobby has had notable successes,  
11 but faces financial challenges that threaten its sustainability and  
12 stability.

13            (3) Therefore, the legislature intends to explore alternative  
14 models of providing for active and regular participation in state  
15 policymaking by students at four-year institutions of higher education.

16            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 2.**    The higher education coordinating board  
17 shall conduct a study of statewide student associations representing  
18 students at public four-year institutions of higher education.    The

1 study shall include but not be limited to: Role and mission, funding  
2 mechanisms, activities and budget, oversight and accountability, and  
3 governance. In conducting the study, the board shall work with  
4 representatives from the Washington student lobby, campus student  
5 government associations, and the four-year institutions of higher  
6 education. The board shall submit a report with alternative models for  
7 how Washington students could be represented to the higher education  
8 committees of the legislature by December 1, 2005.

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