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1 AN ACT Relating to grants awarded by the life sciences discovery
2 authority; and amending RCW 43.350.030.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.350.030 and 2005 c 424 s 4 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) In addition to other powers and duties prescribed in this
7 chapter, the authority is empowered to:

8 ~~((1))~~ (a) Use public moneys in the life sciences discovery fund,
9 leveraging those moneys with amounts received from other public and
10 private sources in accordance with contribution agreements, to promote
11 life sciences research;

12 ~~((2))~~ (b) Solicit and receive gifts, grants, and bequests, and
13 enter into contribution agreements with private entities and public
14 entities other than the state to receive moneys in consideration of the
15 authority's promise to leverage those moneys with amounts received
16 through appropriations from the legislature and contributions from
17 other public entities and private entities, in order to use those
18 moneys to promote life sciences research. Nonstate moneys received by

1 the authority for this purpose shall be deposited in the life sciences
2 discovery fund created in RCW 43.350.070;

3 ~~((+3))~~ (c) Hold funds received by the authority in trust for their
4 use pursuant to this chapter to promote life sciences research;

5 ~~((+4))~~ (d) Manage its funds, obligations, and investments as
6 necessary and as consistent with its purpose including the segregation
7 of revenues into separate funds and accounts;

8 ~~((+5))~~ (e) Make grants to entities pursuant to contract for the
9 promotion of life sciences research to be conducted in the state.

10 Grant agreements shall specify deliverables to be provided by the
11 recipient pursuant to the grant. The authority shall solicit requests
12 for funding and evaluate the requests by reference to factors such as:

13 ~~((+a))~~ (i) The quality of the proposed research; ~~((+b))~~ (ii) its
14 potential to improve health outcomes, with particular attention to the
15 likelihood that it will also lower health care costs, substitute for a
16 more costly diagnostic or treatment modality, or offer a breakthrough
17 treatment for a particular disease or condition; ~~((+c))~~ (iii) its
18 potential for leveraging additional funding; ~~((+d))~~ (iv) its potential
19 to provide health care benefits or benefit human learning and
20 development; ~~((+e))~~ (v) its potential to stimulate the health care
21 delivery, biomedical manufacturing, and life sciences related
22 employment in the state; ~~((+f))~~ (vi) the geographic diversity of the
23 grantees within Washington; ~~((+g))~~ (vii) evidence of potential royalty
24 income and contractual means to recapture such income for purposes of
25 this chapter; and ~~((+h))~~ (viii) evidence of public and private
26 collaboration;

27 ~~((+6))~~ (f) Create one or more advisory boards composed of
28 scientists, industrialists, and others familiar with life sciences
29 research; and

30 ~~((+7))~~ (g) Adopt policies and procedures to facilitate the orderly
31 process of grant application, review, and reward.

32 (2)(a) The authority is prohibited from awarding any grant for
33 which the grant funding would be used for (i) any research or activity
34 involving human cloning; (ii) induced abortion in humans performed
35 after the effective date of this section or the use of cells or tissues
36 derived therefrom; (iii) knowingly conducting destructive research on
37 a human embryo or transferring a human embryo with the knowledge that
38 such an embryo will be subjected to destructive research or

1 transferring gametes with the knowledge that a human embryo will be
2 produced from the gametes to be used in destructive research; (iv)
3 human-animal hybrids; or (v) any research or activity the federal
4 funding of which would be contrary to federal laws that are in effect
5 on the effective date of this section.

6 (b) No recipient of grant funds awarded by the authority may
7 knowingly use such funds for such research or activity prohibited under
8 (a) of this subsection.

9 (c) For purposes of this subsection, the following definitions
10 apply:

11 (i) "Destructive research" means medical procedures, scientific or
12 laboratory research, or other kinds of investigation that kills or
13 injures the subject of such research. Destructive research does not
14 include in vitro fertilization and accompanying embryo transfer to a
15 woman's body, or any diagnostic procedure that may benefit the human
16 embryo subject to such tests.

17 (ii) "Human cloning" means human asexual reproduction, accomplished
18 by introducing nuclear material from one or more human somatic cells
19 into a fertilized or unfertilized oocyte whose nuclear material has
20 been removed or inactivated so as to produce a living organism at any
21 stage of development that is genetically virtually identical to an
22 existing or previously existing human organism.

23 (iii) "Human embryo" means a genetically complete living organism
24 of the species homo sapiens, from the single cell stage up to eight
25 weeks development.

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