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By Senators Shin and Berkey

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1 AN ACT Relating to a study of the top ten United States of America
2 biotechnology and biomedical device business clusters by the joint
3 legislative audit and review committee; and adding a new section to
4 chapter 44.28 RCW.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 44.28 RCW
7 to read as follows:

8 The joint legislative audit and review committee shall evaluate the
9 competitive business climate for encouraging a sustainable and mature
10 biotechnology and medical device manufacturing sector. The committee
11 shall review the top ten centers in the nation as listed in subsection
12 (2) of this section and identify the best practices in economic
13 development and public policy to identify the measures Washington
14 should take to encourage the formation and maturation, from start-up to
15 commercial business activity, of biotechnology and medical device
16 manufacturing businesses in Washington.

17 (1) The questions to be answered by this study may include, but are
18 not limited to, the following:

- 1 (a) Which biotechnology and medical device manufacturing clusters
2 have rapidly expanded and why;
- 3 (b) What role did state government play in creating an environment
4 that encouraged business growth;
- 5 (c) What incentives should Washington put in place to encourage a
6 sustainable biotechnology and medical device manufacturing sector;
- 7 (d) What aspects of these industries provide the greatest economic
8 benefits;
- 9 (e) What program should Washington establish to develop this
10 business sector.
- 11 (2) The ten centers to be studied are:
- 12 (a) Boston, Massachusetts;
- 13 (b) San Diego, California;
- 14 (c) Greater San Francisco, California;
- 15 (d) Greater Los Angeles, California;
- 16 (e) Greater Raleigh-Durham, North Carolina;
- 17 (f) Chicago, Illinois;
- 18 (g) Minneapolis, Minnesota; and
- 19 (h) Seattle, Washington.
- 20 (3) The report shall be delivered to the appropriate committees of
21 the legislature by December 15, 2006.

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