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By Representatives Kagi, Wallace, Anderson, Sullivan, Sells, Hunter,  
and Ormsby

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1 AN ACT Relating to community and technical college system  
2 allocation funding formula; and creating new sections.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** It is the intent of the legislature that the  
5 state board for community and technical colleges allocate state funding  
6 for community and technical colleges in a method that is both equitable  
7 and efficient. The legislature intends to develop a new community and  
8 technical college funding formula that results in improved, equitable  
9 allocation of resources across the community and technical college  
10 system.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) The joint legislative audit and review  
12 committee shall assess the current methodology and funding formula used  
13 by the state board for community and technical colleges to distribute  
14 state funding to community and technical colleges. The assessment  
15 shall include but not be limited to:

16 (a) A review of the current and prior state board for community and  
17 technical colleges funding formula and identification of pros and cons  
18 of each;

1 (b) An analysis of state funding per budgeted full-time equivalent  
2 employee by college, college district, and the community and technical  
3 college system, taking into account impacts of:

4 (i) New and ongoing enrollment funding;

5 (ii) Contract programs;

6 (iii) Running start, worker retraining, adult basic education, and  
7 other state-supported programs; and

8 (iv) Faculty and staff salaries and compensation;

9 (c) An analysis of differences in historical funding levels by  
10 college and college district over the past ten years; and

11 (d) An analysis of comparable funding formulas for community and  
12 technical college systems in comparable states.

13 (2) The joint legislative audit and review committee shall analyze  
14 the advantages and disadvantages of alternatives to the current funding  
15 formula. In doing so, the committee shall identify criteria for  
16 comparing alternatives, which at a minimum shall take into  
17 consideration the guiding principles of the state board for community  
18 and technical colleges and the following priorities:

19 (a) The independence of base budget allocations from the autonomous  
20 actions of each college;

21 (b) Predictability from one year to the next;

22 (c) How understandable alternatives are; and

23 (d) Equity among colleges.

24 (3) The final report shall be submitted to the appropriate  
25 committees of the legislature by December 1, 2008.

26 (4) The state board for community and technical colleges, the  
27 office of financial management, the higher education coordinating  
28 board, and legislative staff shall cooperate with the joint legislative  
29 audit and review committee as it gathers data, conducts analyses, and  
30 assesses alternatives.

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