

SSB 5172 - H COMM AMD
By Committee on Ways & Means

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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 28B.20
4 RCW to read as follows:

5 (1) A University of Washington center for human rights is created.
6 The mission of the center is to expand opportunities for Washington
7 residents to receive a world-class education in human rights, generate
8 research data and expert knowledge to enhance public and private
9 policymaking, and become an academic center for human rights teaching
10 and research in the nation. The center shall align with the founding
11 principles and philosophies of the United States of America and engage
12 faculty, staff, and students in service to enhance the promise of life
13 and liberty as outlined in the Preamble of the United States
14 Constitution. Key substantive issues for the center include: The
15 rights of all persons to security against violence; the rights of
16 immigrants, native Americans, and ethnic or religious minorities; human
17 rights and the environment; health as a human right; human rights and
18 trade; the human rights of working people; and women's rights as human
19 rights. State funds may not be used to support the center for human
20 rights created in this section.

21 (2) The higher education coordinating board and the University of
22 Washington may solicit, accept, receive, and administer federal funds
23 or private funds, in trust or otherwise, and contract with foundations
24 or with for-profit or nonprofit organizations to support the purposes
25 of this section.

26 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The University of Washington center for
27 human rights shall report to the appropriate committees of the
28 legislature by December 1, 2010, and biennially thereafter regarding
29 the center's activities. The report shall include, but not be limited

1 to, descriptions of the center's activities and accomplishments
2 especially as they relate to: International human rights issues and
3 community service; documentation of measurable accomplishments in
4 improving outcomes in the issue areas outlined in section 1 of this
5 act; and documentation of engagement with agencies and nongovernmental
6 organizations outside of the University of Washington."

7 Correct the title.

EFFECT: Requires the University of Washington to create the
Center for Human Rights without the use of state funds.

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