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By Senators Haugen, Berkey, Hobbs, Shin, and Ranker

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1 AN ACT Relating to creating a state college; and adding a new
2 section to chapter 28B.10 RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 28B.10 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) A college in Snohomish county is established. The college must
7 provide baccalaureate and graduate level higher education programs
8 primarily to the citizens of Snohomish, Island, and Skagit counties
9 under rules or guidelines adopted by the higher education coordinating
10 board.

11 (2) The priorities of the college shall be: (a) Preparing students
12 for careers in high employer demand fields such as science, technology,
13 and engineering; (b) preparing students for careers in clean energy,
14 clean energy technology, sustainable energy and smart grid
15 technologies, and green building design and architecture; and (c)
16 developing an atmosphere of innovation, entrepreneurship, and economic
17 development by encouraging relationships with the business community
18 and providing on-campus or near-campus locations for the development of
19 incubator projects and businesses.

1 (3) The college shall provide upper division capacity for transfer
2 students and may offer lower division courses linked to specific majors
3 in fields not addressed at local community colleges. In addition, the
4 college may also directly admit freshman and sophomores gradually and
5 deliberately in accordance with the campus plan to be submitted to the
6 higher education coordinating board. The college shall admit students
7 through coadmission or coenrollment agreements with a community college
8 emphasizing access for transfer students codeveloped by the college and
9 the state board for community and technical colleges.

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