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**Speaker of the House of Representatives**

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**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Thomas Hoemann, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **ENGROSSED SECOND SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6015** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

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**Secretary**

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State of Washington**

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**By** Senate Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Murray, Delvin, and Marr)

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1            AN ACT Relating to directing the department of community, trade,  
2 and economic development to review commercialization and innovation in  
3 the life sciences and technology sectors; and creating new sections.

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

5            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.** (1) Washington state is fortunate to have a  
6 dynamic technology industry sector that benefits from vibrant global  
7 demand for its output and that helps drive the state's economy.  
8 Washington state is uniquely positioned to shape its future success in  
9 innovation in the technology sectors of life sciences and high  
10 technology. Nearly every state in the nation is competing to develop  
11 a strong innovation economy. Washington has world-class research  
12 institutions, entrepreneurial spirit and talent, an actively  
13 collaborative community, and an existing foundational sector.

14            (2) To leverage its potential, the state must actively work to  
15 create and ensure a supportive environment that enables entrepreneurial  
16 people and companies to convert their innovative ideas into marketable  
17 new products and services. Providing such an environment would:  
18 Solidify Washington state as a global leader of knowledge and  
19 technology commercialization; create more highly rewarding and well-

1 paying careers for Washington's citizens; grow more companies in new  
2 and far-reaching markets; renew traditional industries through value-  
3 added technology adaptation; and generate solid returns for Washington  
4 state.

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) By December 1, 2009, the department of  
6 community, trade, and economic development shall report to the governor  
7 and the legislature on how the state can best encourage and support the  
8 growth of innovation in the development and commercialization of  
9 proprietary technology in the life sciences and information technology  
10 industries.

11 (2) In consultation with life sciences trade and technology trade  
12 associations, the department shall:

13 (a) Investigate and recommend strategies to increase the amount of  
14 local or regional capital targeted to preseed, seed, and other early  
15 stage investments in life sciences and information technology  
16 companies;

17 (b) Examine state laws, rules, appropriations, and taxes related to  
18 life sciences and information technology, identify barriers, and  
19 recommend alternatives that will support growth of these industries;

20 (c) Evaluate the state's technology-based economic development  
21 efforts and recommend any additional infrastructure needed to assist  
22 companies at each stage of the business life cycle; and

23 (d) Review the status of technology transfer and commercialization  
24 efforts by the state's public research universities.

25 (3) The department shall provide a draft report of its findings and  
26 recommendations to the Washington state economic development  
27 commission. The commission shall compare the recommendations in the  
28 draft report to the overall direction and strategies related to life  
29 sciences and information technology adopted in the state's  
30 comprehensive economic development plan. The commission shall provide  
31 written observations to the department on areas of alignment or  
32 nonalignment between the report and the plan. The final report shall  
33 include the commission's observations and shall reflect any changes  
34 made to the report by the department in response to the commission's  
35 comments.

36 (4) For purposes of the report: (a) "Life sciences" must include  
37 but is not limited to: Medical devices and biotechnology as defined in

1 RCW 82.63.010; and (b) "information technology" must include but is not  
2 limited to: Hardware, software, and internet infrastructure, that  
3 address high potential emerging and growing markets.

4 (5) From the funds appropriated for the purposes of this section,  
5 the money available for expenditure may not exceed the amount matched  
6 dollar-for-dollar by cash or in-kind contributions from nonstate  
7 sources.

8 (6) This section expires December 31, 2009.

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