

# SENATE BILL REPORT

## SB 5664

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As of February 10, 2011

**Title:** An act relating to the Lake Washington Institute of Technology.

**Brief Description:** Concerning the Lake Washington Institute of Technology.

**Sponsors:** Senators McAuliffe, Shin, Hobbs, Nelson, Rockefeller, Litzow, Chase, Tom, Zarelli, Brown, Kilmer, Delvin and Murray.

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:** Higher Education & Workforce Development: 2/18/11.

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### SENATE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

**Staff:** Aldo Melchiori (786-7439)

**Background:** Lake Washington Technical College officially became part of the community and technical college system on September 1, 1991. Lake Washington Technical College serves as a flexible college, providing multiple entrance points and pathways. The college is a conduit for students to upgrade their skills, transition into a new career, or further their education for other reasons. Available pathways include basic skills transition, high school programs, certificates of proficiency and completion, apprenticeships, associates degrees (technical and transfer), professional and technical direct transfer agreements, an applied baccalaureate degree, incumbent and displaced worker training, and continuing education.

Lake Washington Technical College is accredited by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities at the associate degree level and has been granted candidacy at the baccalaureate degree level.

**Summary of Bill:** The name of Lake Washington Technical College is changed to Lake Washington Institute of Technology. The Legislature directs the institution to continue to broaden its technical education as a polytechnic college with programs through the baccalaureate level.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Requested on February 7, 2011.

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**Committee/Commission/Task Force Created:** No.

**Effective Date:** Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.