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By Senator Shin; by request of Higher Education Coordinating Board

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1 AN ACT Relating to health sciences and services authorities; and
2 amending RCW 35.104.040.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 35.104.040 and 2010 1st sp.s. c 33 s 2 are each
5 amended to read as follows:

6 (1) The higher education coordinating board may approve
7 applications submitted by local governments for an area's designation
8 as a health sciences and services authority under this chapter. The
9 director must determine the division to review applications submitted
10 by local governments under this chapter. The application for
11 designation must be in the form and manner and contain such information
12 as the higher education coordinating board may prescribe, provided the
13 application:

14 (a) Contains sufficient information to enable the director to
15 determine the viability of the proposal;

16 (b) Demonstrates that an ordinance or resolution has been passed by
17 the legislative authority of a local government that delineates the
18 boundaries of an area that may be designated an authority;

1 (c) Is submitted on behalf of the local government, or, if that
2 office does not exist, by the legislative body of the local government;

3 (d) Demonstrates that the public funds directed to programs or
4 facilities in the authority will leverage private sector resources and
5 contributions to activities to be performed;

6 (e) Provides a plan or plans for the development of the authority
7 as an entity to advance as a cluster for health sciences education,
8 health sciences research, biotechnology development, biotechnology
9 product commercialization, and/or health care services; and

10 (f) Demonstrates that the state has previously provided funds to
11 health sciences and services programs or facilities in the applicant
12 city, town, or county.

13 (2) The director must determine the division to develop criteria to
14 evaluate the application. The criteria must include:

15 (a) The presence of infrastructure capable of spurring development
16 of the area as a center of health sciences and services;

17 (b) The presence of higher education facilities where undergraduate
18 or graduate coursework or research is conducted; and

19 (c) The presence of facilities in which health services are
20 provided.

21 (3) There may be no more than two authorities statewide.

22 (4) An authority may only be created in a county with a population
23 of less than one million persons and located east of the crest of the
24 Cascade mountains.

25 (5) The director may reject or approve an application. When
26 denying an application, the director must specify the application's
27 deficiencies. The decision regarding such designation as it relates to
28 a specific local government is final; however, a rejected application
29 may be resubmitted.

30 (6) Applications are due by December 31, 2010, and must be
31 processed within sixty days of submission.

32 (7) The director may, at his or her discretion, amend the
33 boundaries of an authority upon the request of the local government.

34 (8) The higher education coordinating board may adopt any rules
35 necessary to implement this chapter.

36 (9) The ~~((higher education coordinating board must develop~~
37 ~~evaluation and performance measures in order to evaluate the~~
38 ~~effectiveness of the programs in the authorities that are funded with~~

1 ~~public resources. A report to the legislature is due on a biennial~~
2 ~~basis beginning December 1, 2009. In addition, the~~) higher education
3 coordinating board must develop evaluation criteria that enables the
4 local governments to measure the effectiveness of the program.

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