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By Representative Jinkins

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1 AN ACT Relating to modifying the due date for applications by  
2 local governments for designation as a health sciences and services  
3 authority; and amending RCW 35.104.040.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 35.104.040 and 2012 c 229 s 581 are each amended to  
6 read as follows:

7 (1) The student achievement council may approve applications  
8 submitted by local governments for an area's designation as a health  
9 sciences and services authority under this chapter. The director must  
10 determine the division to review applications submitted by local  
11 governments under this chapter. The application for designation must  
12 be in the form and manner and contain such information as the student  
13 achievement council may prescribe, provided the 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  
17 by the legislative authority of a local government that delineates  
18 the boundaries of an area that may be designated an authority;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

17 (c) The presence of facilities in which health services are  
18 provided.

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

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

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

28 (6) Applications are due by December 31, (~~(2010)~~) 2018, and must  
29 be processed within sixty days of submission.

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

32 (8) The student achievement council may adopt any rules necessary  
33 to implement this chapter.

34 (9) The student achievement council must develop evaluation  
35 criteria that enables the local governments to measure the  
36 effectiveness of the program.

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