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SENATE BILL 6534

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By Senators Becker and Saldaña

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1 AN ACT Relating to the Graham community and technical college  
2 study; and creating new sections.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that as part of the  
5 feasibility study for a community and technical college in Graham,  
6 Washington, authorized under section 605, chapter 4, Laws of 2015 3rd  
7 sp. sess., the Graham proviso pilot project was a successful first  
8 step towards achieving the goal of providing access to higher  
9 education for the Graham community, an unserved part of the second  
10 legislative district and college district 11 in south Pierce county.  
11 The legislature finds that the feasibility study and Graham proviso  
12 pilot project yielded successful results. During the winter and  
13 spring quarters of 2017, the Graham proviso pilot project served one  
14 hundred thirty-two students, the majority of whom were place-bound  
15 running start and older returning students, unable to take advantage  
16 of Washington's institutions of higher education. The legislature  
17 further finds that continuing the feasibility study will provide  
18 students and adults in the Graham community the opportunity to not  
19 only increase their educational opportunities, but also to gather  
20 information and further the availability of a community and technical  
21 college in south Pierce county.

1        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 2.**    The state board of community and technical  
2 colleges shall continue the feasibility study for a potential new  
3 community and technical college within ten miles of Graham,  
4 Washington, authorized by section 605, chapter 4, Laws of 2015 3rd  
5 sp. sess. The feasibility study shall be accomplished by continuing  
6 to expand enrollment and classes at the Graham-Kapowsin high school  
7 and gathering data, such as enrollment numbers, future class  
8 interest, and student profile data, from students who participate.  
9 The feasibility study shall be conducted for an additional two years  
10 and specifically address the intent of pursuing the establishment of  
11 a community college in the Graham community. The state board of  
12 community and technical colleges shall report to the legislature  
13 regarding the feasibility of installing a community and technical  
14 college within ten miles of Graham, Washington, by December 31, 2018.

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