

HB 2382 - H AMD 1611

By Representative Leavitt

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds and declares that
4 the state institutions of higher education are providing a high
5 quality education to the citizens of the state and that attracting
6 and retaining quality employees is integral to student success and
7 maintaining high quality education programs for student benefit.

8 The legislature finds that employee turnover has negative impacts
9 on students, and that perpetual recruiting, hiring, and training of
10 new staff creates inefficiencies and increased costs for the
11 community and technical college system.

12 The legislature further finds that many colleges are struggling
13 to retain employees because salary levels do not keep up with the
14 rapidly increasing costs of living, specifically the high cost of
15 housing. In high cost areas in our state, nearly eighty-four percent
16 of faculty have reported having to work more than one job or rely on
17 another person's income to make ends meet. Additionally, three-
18 fourths of these faculty members have said they have considered
19 leaving the profession to pursue other opportunities.

20 Therefore, the legislature finds that the stability of housing
21 for employees is critical for the success of students, each
22 individual college, and the community and technical college system.
23 Finally, the legislature finds that this act will encourage
24 development of affordable housing opportunities for employees at
25 community and technical colleges across Washington state.

26 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 28B.50
27 RCW to read as follows:

28 This section specifically creates a state policy supporting
29 affordable housing for community and technical college employees, as
30 described in section 42(g)(9) of the internal revenue code.

1 **Sec. 3.** RCW 28B.50.090 and 2013 c 57 s 1 are each amended to
2 read as follows:

3 The college board shall have general supervision and control over
4 the state system of community and technical colleges. In addition to
5 the other powers and duties imposed upon the college board by this
6 chapter, the college board shall be charged with the following
7 powers, duties and responsibilities:

8 (1) Review the budgets prepared by the boards of trustees,
9 prepare a single budget for the support of the state system of
10 community and technical colleges and adult education, and submit this
11 budget to the governor as provided in RCW 43.88.090;

12 (2) Establish guidelines for the disbursement of funds; and
13 receive and disburse such funds for adult education and maintenance
14 and operation and capital support of the college districts in
15 conformance with the state and district budgets, and in conformance
16 with chapter 43.88 RCW;

17 (3) Ensure, through the full use of its authority:

18 (a) That each college district, in coordination with colleges,
19 within a regional area, shall offer thoroughly comprehensive
20 educational, training, and service programs to meet the needs of both
21 the communities and students served by combining high standards of
22 excellence in academic transfer courses; realistic and practical
23 courses in occupational education, both graded and ungraded; and
24 community services of an educational, cultural, and recreational
25 nature; and adult education, including basic skills and general,
26 family, and workforce literacy programs and services;

27 (b) That each college district shall maintain an open-door
28 policy, to the end that no student will be denied admission because
29 of the location of the student's residence or because of the
30 student's educational background or ability; that, insofar as is
31 practical in the judgment of the college board, curriculum offerings
32 will be provided to meet the educational and training needs of the
33 community generally and the students thereof; and that all students,
34 regardless of their differing courses of study, will be considered,
35 known and recognized equally as members of the student body:
36 PROVIDED, That the administrative officers of a community or
37 technical college may deny admission to a prospective student or
38 attendance to an enrolled student if, in their judgment, the student
39 would not be competent to profit from the curriculum offerings of the
40 college, or would, by his or her presence or conduct, create a

1 disruptive atmosphere within the college not consistent with the
2 purposes of the institution. This subsection (3)(b) shall not apply
3 to competency, conduct, or presence associated with a disability in a
4 person twenty-one years of age or younger attending a technical
5 college;

6 (4) Prepare a comprehensive master plan for the development of
7 community and technical college education and training in the state;
8 and assist the office of financial management in the preparation of
9 enrollment projections to support plans for providing adequate
10 college facilities in all areas of the state. The master plan shall
11 include implementation of the vision, goals, priorities, and
12 strategies in the statewide strategic master plan for higher
13 education under RCW 28B.76.200 based on the community and technical
14 college system's role and mission. The master plan shall also contain
15 measurable performance indicators and benchmarks for gauging progress
16 toward achieving the goals and priorities;

17 (5) Define and administer criteria and guidelines for the
18 establishment of new community and technical colleges or campuses
19 within the existing districts;

20 (6) Establish criteria and procedures for modifying district
21 boundary lines and consolidating district structures to form multiple
22 campus districts consistent with the purposes set forth in RCW
23 28B.50.020 as now or hereafter amended and in accordance therewith
24 make such changes as it deems advisable;

25 (7) Establish minimum standards to govern the operation of the
26 community and technical colleges with respect to:

27 (a) Qualifications and credentials of instructional and key
28 administrative personnel, except as otherwise provided in the state
29 plan for vocational education;

30 (b) Internal budgeting, accounting, auditing, and financial
31 procedures as necessary to supplement the general requirements
32 prescribed pursuant to chapter 43.88 RCW;

33 (c) The content of the curriculums and other educational and
34 training programs, and the requirement for degrees and certificates
35 awarded by the colleges;

36 (d) Standard admission policies;

37 (e) Eligibility of courses to receive state fund support; and

38 (f) Common student identifiers such that once a student has
39 enrolled at any community or technical college he or she retains the
40 same student identification upon transfer to any college district;

1 (8) Encourage colleges to use multiple measures to determine
2 whether a student must enroll in a precollege course including, but
3 not limited to, placement tests, the SAT, high school transcripts,
4 college transcripts, or initial class performance, and require
5 colleges to post all the available options for course placement on
6 their web site and in their admissions materials;

7 (9) Establish and administer criteria and procedures for all
8 capital construction including the establishment, installation, and
9 expansion of facilities within the various college districts;

10 (10) Encourage innovation in the development of new educational
11 and training programs and instructional methods; coordinate research
12 efforts to this end; and disseminate the findings thereof;

13 (11) Exercise any other powers, duties and responsibilities
14 necessary to carry out the purposes of this chapter;

15 (12) Authorize the various community and technical colleges to
16 offer programs and courses in other districts when it determines that
17 such action is consistent with the purposes set forth in RCW
18 28B.50.020 as now or hereafter amended;

19 (13) Notwithstanding any other law or statute regarding the sale
20 of state property, sell or exchange and convey any or all interest in
21 any community and technical college real and personal property,
22 except such property as is received by a college district in
23 accordance with RCW 28B.50.140(8), when it determines that such
24 property is surplus or that such a sale or exchange is in the best
25 interests of the community and technical college system;

26 (14) In order that the treasurer for the state board for
27 community and technical colleges appointed in accordance with RCW
28 28B.50.085 may make vendor payments, the state treasurer will honor
29 warrants drawn by the state board providing for an initial advance on
30 July 1, 1982, of the current biennium and on July 1st of each
31 succeeding biennium from the state general fund in an amount equal to
32 twenty-four percent of the average monthly allotment for such
33 budgeted biennium expenditures for the state board for community and
34 technical colleges as certified by the office of financial
35 management; and at the conclusion of such initial month and for each
36 succeeding month of any biennium, the state treasurer will reimburse
37 expenditures incurred and reported monthly by the state board
38 treasurer in accordance with chapter 43.88 RCW: PROVIDED, That the
39 reimbursement to the state board for actual expenditures incurred in

1 the final month of each biennium shall be less the initial advance
2 made in such biennium;

3 (15) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (13) of this
4 section, may receive such gifts, grants, conveyances, devises, and
5 bequests of real or personal property from private sources as may be
6 made from time to time, in trust or otherwise, whenever the terms and
7 conditions thereof will aid in carrying out the community and
8 technical college programs and may sell, lease or exchange, invest or
9 expend the same or the proceeds, rents, profits and income thereof
10 according to the terms and conditions thereof; and adopt regulations
11 to govern the receipt and expenditure of the proceeds, rents, profits
12 and income thereof; (~~and~~)

13 (16) The college board shall have the power of eminent domain;
14 and

15 (17) Lease, exchange, or otherwise obligate land for the purpose
16 of establishing housing for community and technical college
17 employees, provided that the ownership of the land and any structures
18 constructed on the land under this subsection remain in nonprofit,
19 public development authority or public agency control."

20 Correct the title.

EFFECT: (1) Strikes the statutory section and language amending the community and technical colleges' authority to develop capital projects for faculty and employee housing and boarding, and replaces it with explicit authority in another statutory section for the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges to lease, exchange, invest, or otherwise obligate land for the purpose of establishing housing for community and technical college employees, provided that the ownership of the land and structures constructed on the land remain in nonprofit, public development authority, or public agency control.

(2) Changes "employees and faculty" to just "employees."

(3) Changes "school" to "college."

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