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By Senators Torres, Dozier, Warnick, and Wellman

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1 AN ACT Relating to the establishment of legal education programs
2 at community and technical colleges; and adding new sections to
3 chapter 28B.50 RCW.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 28B.50
6 RCW to read as follows:

7 Subject to appropriations, Columbia Basin College, Yakima Valley
8 College, and Walla Walla College must each offer a prelaw associate's
9 degree program.

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

12 Subject to the amount appropriated for this specific purpose, the
13 college board shall develop a program to incentivize, encourage, and
14 financially support any board of trustees within the system of
15 community and technical colleges to initially establish and offer
16 paralegal education programs approved by the American bar
17 association, to be located in regional areas of the state east of the
18 crest of the Cascade mountains where they are not currently offered,
19 with the goal of establishing one new paralegal education program in
20 central Washington and one new paralegal education program in eastern

1 Washington. The program must give financial support to the
2 development of these programs.

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