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By Representatives Carlson, Radcliff, O'Brien, Kenney, Mason, Dunn, Kessler and Quall; by request of Higher Education Coordinating Board

Read first time 01/14/97. Referred to Committee on Higher Education.

1 AN ACT Relating to authorizing the higher education coordinating  
2 board to conduct pilot programs in alternative tuition setting for  
3 distance education, packaging tuition and fees, and enrollment  
4 agreements with other states; and adding new sections to chapter 28B.80  
5 RCW.

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

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 28B.80 RCW  
8 to read as follows:

9 The state of Washington is confronted with providing higher  
10 education for an additional eighty-four thousand students by the year  
11 2010. This requires that all possible methods of delivering higher  
12 education be considered. This includes technology and considering  
13 agreements with other states that may have the capacity to provide  
14 higher education opportunities for Washington citizens. To make use of  
15 these new approaches requires consideration of what these methods of  
16 delivery will cost and how that will impact tuition and state support  
17 of higher education and consideration of different tuition models and  
18 levels of state support for technology-based delivery models and

1 incentives for Washington students to use enrollment agreements with  
2 other states.

3 A second step in meeting the needs of students efficiently is to  
4 assure maximum use of all existing institutions. To assure such use,  
5 packaging of tuition, fees, and living expense models for four years  
6 should be developed as an incentive for using space available.

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 28B.80 RCW  
8 to read as follows:

9 (1) The higher education coordinating board shall develop up to  
10 three tuition and state support models for the delivery of technology-  
11 based programs. The models shall identify the cost and distribution of  
12 tuition and state support if the degree program is offered by a single  
13 Washington institution of higher education or by a consortium of  
14 Washington institutions of higher education. The board shall also make  
15 recommendations on levels of tuition and state support for Washington  
16 state participation in the western governors' virtual university.

17 (2) The board shall develop up to three incentive models to  
18 encourage Washington students to use enrollment agreements with other  
19 states. This does not affect current reciprocity agreements or  
20 agreements set forth in chapter 28B.70 RCW.

21 (3) The board shall develop one model for packaging tuition, fees,  
22 and living expenses to cover a four-year period.

23 (4) The board shall report to the legislature no later than  
24 December 30, 1997, on the models developed and its recommendation on  
25 the use of the models.

26 (5) The models shall not be implemented until authorized by the  
27 legislature.

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