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1 AN ACT Relating to developing more effective streamlining of  
2 technology and innovation in the state of Washington; and creating a  
3 new section.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that Washington state  
6 benefits from having a dynamic technology-based economy founded on and  
7 sustained by world-class innovations in such areas as software,  
8 telecommunications, aerospace, biotechnology, medical instrumentation,  
9 energy, and the environment. To assist in the growth of technological  
10 innovations, the state has established state-supported institutions,  
11 such as the Washington technology center and the Spokane  
12 intercollegiate research and technology institute, which seek to foster  
13 the acceleration and growth of new products and technologies in the  
14 state. Additionally, to promote life sciences research and enhance the  
15 competitive position of the state, the legislature created the life  
16 sciences discovery fund. The legislature finds that due to the  
17 fragmentation of state technology efforts and resources and the lack of  
18 a central coordinating body, the state is hindered in advancing  
19 innovation throughout the state. In addition, technology-based

1 institutions vary significantly in their administrative overhead costs  
2 and vary in the methods used to calculate these costs. The legislature  
3 intends to create a central technology governing board that: Advances  
4 and ensures appropriate coordination among state technology  
5 institutions and agencies; eliminates duplication of services; sets the  
6 direction for current and future technology efforts through a strategic  
7 planning process; and establishes performance metrics and a prudent  
8 administrative overhead rate. The governing body will ensure an  
9 administrative overhead rate of no more than thirty-two percent. The  
10 legislature intends for the governing board to provide administrative  
11 functions, such as financial services, computer and information  
12 technology services, personnel services, communications, and  
13 administrative procedures guidance. Institutions under the authority  
14 of the governing board would include the Washington technology center,  
15 the Spokane intercollegiate research and technology institute, the life  
16 sciences discovery fund, and any future technology-based entities the  
17 legislature may establish.

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