

HB 2295 - DIGEST

Requires the higher education coordinating board to assess the higher education needs in Kitsap, Mason, Jefferson, and Clallam counties and recommend to the legislature solutions to the higher education needs. Solutions that the board should consider include, but should not be limited to, establishment of new baccalaureate institutions, expansion of existing institutions to include baccalaureate degrees, and colocation of institutions. In conducting its assessment, the board shall take into account but not be limited to the following: Population growth, higher education participation rates, economic demand and workforce needs, and drive and commute times to existing institutions of higher education.

Requires the board to provide an interim report to the legislature and the governor by January 15, 2008, and a final report by December 1, 2008.