

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL 1723**

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FUND FOR EXCELLENCE IN HIGHER EDUCATION PROGRAM

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Yeas 98 Nays 0

JOE KING  
**Speaker of the  
House of Representatives**

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Yeas 46 Nays 0

JOEL PRITCHARD  
**President of the Senate**

Approved May 9, 1991

BOOTH GARDNER  
**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Alan Thompson, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL 1723** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

ALAN THOMPSON  
**Chief Clerk**

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By Representatives Ogden, Jacobsen, Wood, Spanel, Zellinsky, R. King, Roland, H. Myers and Fraser; by request of Higher Education Coordinating Board.

Read first time February 6, 1991. Referred to Committee on Higher Education.

1 AN ACT Relating to the Washington fund for excellence in higher  
2 education program; adding a new chapter to Title 28B RCW; and creating  
3 a new section.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that encouraging  
6 collaboration among the various educational sectors to meet state-wide  
7 needs will strengthen the entire educational system, kindergarten  
8 through twelfth grade and higher education. The legislature also  
9 recognizes that the most effective way to develop innovative and  
10 collaborative programs is to encourage institutions to develop them  
11 voluntarily, in line with established state goals. Through a system of  
12 competitive grants, the legislature shall encourage the development of  
13 innovative and collaborative solutions to issues of critical state-wide  
14 need, including:

- 1 (1) Improving rates of participation and completion at each
- 2 educational level;
- 3 (2) Recognizing needs of special populations of students;
- 4 (3) Improving the effectiveness of education by better coordinating
- 5 communication and understanding between sectors.

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The Washington fund for excellence in  
7 higher education program is established. The higher education  
8 coordinating board shall administer the program. Through this program  
9 the board may award on a competitive basis incentive grants to state  
10 public institutions of higher education or consortia of institutions to  
11 encourage cooperative programs designed to address specific system  
12 problems. Grants shall not exceed a two-year period. Each institution  
13 or consortia of institutions receiving the award shall contribute some  
14 financial support, either by covering part of the costs for the program  
15 during its implementation, or by assuming continuing support at the end  
16 of the grant period. Strong priority will be given to proposals that  
17 involve more than one sector of education, and to proposals that show  
18 substantive institutional commitment. Institutions are encouraged to  
19 solicit nonstate funds to support these cooperative programs.

20 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The higher education coordinating board  
21 shall have the following powers and duties in administering the  
22 program:

- 23 (1) To adopt rules necessary to carry out the program;
- 24 (2) To establish one or more review committees to assist in the
- 25 evaluation of proposals for funding. The review committee shall
- 26 include individuals with significant experience in higher education in
- 27 areas relevant to one or more of the funding period priorities;

1           (3) To establish each biennium specific guidelines for submitting  
2 grant proposals consistent with the overall goals of the program.  
3 During the 1991-93 biennium the guidelines shall be consistent with the  
4 following priorities: (a) Minority and diversity initiatives that  
5 encourage the participation of minorities in higher education,  
6 including students with disabilities, at a rate consistent with their  
7 proportion of the population; (b) K-12 teacher preparation models that  
8 encourage collaboration between higher education and K-12 to improve  
9 the preparedness of teachers, including provisions for higher education  
10 faculty involved with teacher preparation to spend time teaching in  
11 K-12 schools; and (c) articulation and transfer activities to smooth  
12 the transfer of students from K-12 to higher education, or from the  
13 community colleges to four-year institutions. After June 30, 1993, and  
14 each biennium thereafter, the board shall determine funding priorities  
15 for collaborative proposals for the biennium in consultation with the  
16 governor, the legislature, the office of the superintendent of public  
17 instruction, the state board for community college education, the state  
18 board for vocational education, higher education institutions,  
19 educational associations, and business and community groups consistent  
20 with state-wide needs;

21           (4) To solicit grant proposals and provide information to the  
22 institutions of higher education about the program; and

23           (5) To establish reporting, monitoring, and dissemination  
24 requirements for the recipients of the grants.

25           NEW SECTION.   **Sec. 4.**   The higher education coordinating board may  
26 solicit and receive such gifts, grants, and endowments from public or  
27 private sources as may be made from time to time, in trust or  
28 otherwise, for the use and benefit of the purposes of the program and

1 may expend the same or any income therefrom according to the terms of  
2 the gifts, grants, or endowments.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** The fund for excellence is hereby  
4 established in the custody of the state treasurer. The higher  
5 education coordinating board shall deposit in the fund all moneys  
6 received under section 4 of this act. Moneys in the fund may be spent  
7 only for the purposes of sections 2 and 3 of this act. Disbursements  
8 from the fund shall be on the authorization of the higher education  
9 coordinating board. The fund is subject to the allotment procedure  
10 provided under chapter 43.88 RCW, but no appropriation is required for  
11 disbursements.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** Sections 2 through 5 of this act shall  
13 constitute a new chapter in Title 28B RCW.

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