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5 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the  
6 following:

7 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. (1) The higher education coordinating board  
8 shall manage an assessment that determines the current higher education  
9 resources of the greater Spokane area and the current and future  
10 capital and programmatic higher education needs of the Spokane area,  
11 including the balance among anticipated, unmet, and fully met higher  
12 education needs. This assessment shall be coordinated with an economic  
13 analysis of the greater Spokane area.

14 (2) The higher education coordinating board, in coordination with  
15 the office of financial management, the employment security department,  
16 and the department of community, trade, and economic development, shall  
17 oversee the administration of an economic assessment of the greater  
18 Spokane area. This assessment shall reference previous economic  
19 studies of the greater Spokane area and include:

20 (a) Input from Spokane area civic leaders as well as the higher  
21 education and business communities;

22 (b) An evaluation of the current economic situation in the greater  
23 Spokane area and potential sectors and subsectors for significant job  
24 expansion;

25 (c) An analysis of the possible transformation of the economic base  
26 toward high technology and opportunities for industries producing  
27 higher wages; and

28 (d) An evaluation of the basic and applied research resources and  
29 needs of the present and future economy of the area.

30 (3) The assessments in subsections (1) and (2) of this section  
31 shall be completed by July 1, 1998, and a final report submitted to the  
32 higher education and fiscal committees of the legislature by October 1,  
33 1998.

34 (4) By December 1, 1998, based on the findings of the assessments  
35 in subsections (1) and (2) of this section, the higher education  
36 coordinating board shall evaluate and develop a plan for the

1 disposition of the Eastern Washington University Spokane Center  
2 Building.

3 (5)(a) By December 1, 1998, based on the findings of the  
4 assessments in subsections (1) and (2) of this section, Washington  
5 State University shall develop and deliver to the higher education  
6 coordinating board for approval a plan for the management of the  
7 Riverpoint Higher Education Park, excluding the land and the Spokane  
8 Intercollegiate Research and Technology Institute, that includes:

9 (i) Capital facilities maintenance and development;

10 (ii) Coordination of upper-division course offerings; and

11 (iii) The coordination of graduate programs in Spokane.

12 (b) In developing the plan in this subsection (5), Washington State  
13 University should:

14 (i) Assume that Eastern Washington University students enrolled in  
15 Eastern Washington University courses will pay Eastern Washington  
16 University tuition rates; and

17 (ii) Emphasize and implement a maximum level of collaboration and  
18 partnerships by Eastern Washington University and Washington State  
19 University at the Riverpoint Higher Education Park.

20 (c) Washington State University shall submit a preliminary plan to  
21 the higher education coordinating board by September 1, 1998, and a  
22 final plan to the higher education coordinating board and the office of  
23 financial management by December 31, 1998. The plan shall incorporate,  
24 but not be limited to:

25 (i) Relocation of all Spokane-based upper-division and graduate  
26 course offerings and academic programs offered by public universities  
27 in the city of Spokane to the Riverpoint Higher Education Park, using  
28 existing and planned structures at the Riverpoint Higher Education  
29 Park; and

30 (ii) A plan to establish an intercollegiate center for applied  
31 health sciences and a health sciences consortium that would replace and  
32 be modeled on the intercollegiate center for nursing education. The  
33 intercollegiate center for applied health sciences and the health  
34 sciences consortium shall include, but not be limited to, programs  
35 offered through the intercollegiate center for nursing education and  
36 public and private institutions. Programs offered at Eastern  
37 Washington University in physical therapy, communication disorders,  
38 nursing, and dental hygiene shall continue to be offered by Eastern  
39 Washington University.

1 (6) Eastern Washington University, in consultation with the higher  
2 education coordinating board, shall write a new mission statement and  
3 operations plan for Eastern Washington University as a comprehensive,  
4 Cheney-based public baccalaureate institution. The draft mission  
5 statement and plan shall be submitted to the higher education  
6 coordinating board by September 1, 1998, and a final mission statement  
7 and plan shall be submitted to the higher education coordinating board  
8 for approval by December 31, 1998. The academic mission and plan shall  
9 include, but not be limited to the following elements:

10 (a) Identify those academic centers of excellence on which Eastern  
11 Washington University should focus, build, and expand in order to  
12 enhance its enrollment and reaffirm its reputation for academic  
13 excellence;

14 (b) Reflect that programs in physical therapy, communications  
15 disorders, nursing, and dental hygiene continue to be offered through  
16 Eastern Washington University in Spokane;

17 (c) Include a requirement that Eastern Washington University  
18 identify and report to the higher education coordinating board program  
19 offerings in Spokane that should be returned to the Cheney campus,  
20 discontinued, or continued to be offered in Spokane because of  
21 documented demand, unique partnerships, demonstrated efficiency, and  
22 other considerations. The draft of the report shall be submitted to  
23 the higher education coordinating board by September 1, 1998, and the  
24 final report shall be submitted to the higher education coordinating  
25 board by December 31, 1998;

26 (d) Ensure that every effort is made to protect the academic  
27 interests of and minimize adverse impacts on Eastern Washington  
28 University students;

29 (e) Describe and target Eastern Washington University's primary  
30 student audience;

31 (f) Ensure that Eastern Washington University's admission standards  
32 complement the primary student audience;

33 (g) Describe circumstances under which it is appropriate for  
34 Eastern Washington University programs to serve nonprimary students;

35 (h) Establish projected enrollment levels for Eastern Washington  
36 University that reflect the needs of a comprehensive university and  
37 that account for the demographic qualities and growth patterns  
38 associated with the areas from which Eastern Washington University  
39 draws its students;

1 (i) Describe how Eastern Washington University's enrollment levels  
2 will be consistent with state enrollment levels;

3 (j) Develop financial projections for serving these reconfigured  
4 enrollment levels; and

5 (k) Analyze and review all capital and capacity information  
6 regarding the Eastern Washington University Cheney campus, with  
7 particular attention to the current state of the existing physical  
8 plant and to the realistic enrollment capacity of the campus.

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** On July 1, 1998, title to or all interest in  
10 real estate and other assets, including but not limited to assignable  
11 contracts, cash equipment, buildings, facilities, and appurtenances  
12 related to Riverpoint park, except for the area of real property  
13 defined as the approximate two and one-half acres bounded by the  
14 Spokane river, Trent Avenue, and Riverpoint Boulevard that is reserved  
15 for the Spokane intercollegiate research and technology institute and  
16 its expansion shall be transferred from the joint center for higher  
17 education to Washington State University.

18 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 28B.35 RCW  
19 to read as follows:

20 Housing or a housing allowance may only be provided for the  
21 president of a public four-year institution of higher education who  
22 resides in the location where the institution is designated under RCW  
23 28B.20.010, 28B.30.010, 28B.35.010, and 28B.40.010.

24 **Sec. 4.** RCW 28B.10.029 and 1996 c 110 s 5 are each amended to read  
25 as follows:

26 (1) An institution of higher education may exercise independently  
27 those powers otherwise granted to the director of general  
28 administration in chapter 43.19 RCW in connection with the purchase and  
29 disposition of all material, supplies, services, and equipment needed  
30 for the support, maintenance, and use of the respective institution of  
31 higher education. Property disposition policies followed by  
32 institutions of higher education shall be consistent with policies  
33 followed by the department of general administration. Purchasing  
34 policies and procedures followed by institutions of higher education  
35 shall be in compliance with chapters 39.19, 39.29, and 43.03 RCW, and  
36 RCW 43.19.1901, 43.19.1906, 43.19.1911, 43.19.1917, 43.19.1937,

1 43.19.534, 43.19.685, 43.19.700 through 43.19.704, and 43.19.550  
2 through 43.19.637. The community and technical colleges shall comply  
3 with RCW 43.19.450. Except for the University of Washington,  
4 institutions of higher education shall comply with RCW 43.19.1935,  
5 43.19.19363, and 43.19.19368. If an institution of higher education  
6 can satisfactorily demonstrate to the director of the office of  
7 financial management that the cost of compliance is greater than the  
8 value of benefits from any of the following statutes, then it shall be  
9 exempt from them: RCW 43.19.685; 43.19.534; and 43.19.637. Any  
10 institution of higher education that chooses to exercise independent  
11 purchasing authority for a commodity or group of commodities shall  
12 notify the director of general administration. Thereafter the director  
13 of general administration shall not be required to provide those  
14 services for that institution for the duration of the general  
15 administration contract term for that commodity or group of  
16 commodities.

17 (2) An institution of higher education may exercise independently  
18 those powers otherwise granted to the public printer in chapter 43.78  
19 RCW in connection with the production or purchase of any printing and  
20 binding needed by the respective institution of higher education.  
21 Purchasing policies and procedures followed by institutions of higher  
22 education shall be in compliance with chapter 39.19 RCW. Any  
23 institution of higher education that chooses to exercise independent  
24 printing production or purchasing authority shall notify the public  
25 printer. Thereafter the public printer shall not be required to  
26 provide those services for that institution.

27 ~~((3) For the purposes of this section, an "institution of higher  
28 education" shall include the joint center for higher education created  
29 in chapter 28B.25 RCW when the joint center for higher education is  
30 contracting with another institution of higher education that is acting  
31 as the sole agent for purchasing and disposing of material, supplies,  
32 services, and equipment, and for procuring printing or binding  
33 services.))~~

34 **Sec. 5.** RCW 28B.45.050 and 1991 c 205 s 11 are each amended to  
35 read as follows:

36 Washington State University ~~((and Eastern Washington University  
37 are))~~ is responsible for providing upper-division and graduate level  
38 higher education programs to the citizens of ~~((the))~~ Spokane ~~((area)),~~

1 under rules or guidelines adopted by the (~~joint center for higher~~  
2 education. However, before any degree is authorized under this section  
3 it shall be subject to the review and approval of the)) higher  
4 education coordinating board. Washington State University shall meet  
5 (~~its~~) that responsibility through the operation of a branch campus in  
6 (~~the~~) Spokane (~~area. Eastern Washington University shall meet its~~  
7 responsibility through the operation of programs and facilities in  
8 Spokane)).

9       **Sec. 6.** RCW 28B.130.020 and 1997 c 273 s 2 are each amended to  
10 read as follows:

11       (1) The governing board of an institution of higher education as  
12 defined in RCW 28B.10.016 may impose either a voluntary or a mandatory  
13 transportation fee on employees and on students at the institution.  
14 The board of (~~the joint center for higher education under chapter~~  
15 ~~28B.25 RCW~~) regents of Washington State University may impose either  
16 a voluntary or a mandatory transportation fee on faculty and staff  
17 working at the Riverpoint higher education park and on students  
18 attending classes there. The transportation fee shall be used solely  
19 to fund transportation demand management programs that reduce the  
20 demand for campus and neighborhood parking, and promote alternatives to  
21 single-occupant vehicle driving. If the board charges a mandatory  
22 transportation fee to students, it shall charge a mandatory  
23 transportation fee to employees. The transportation fee for employees  
24 may exceed, but shall not be lower than the transportation fee charged  
25 to students. The transportation fee for employees may be deducted from  
26 the employees' paychecks. The transportation fee for students may be  
27 imposed annually, or each academic term. For students attending  
28 community colleges and technical colleges, the mandatory transportation  
29 fee shall not exceed sixty percent of the maximum rate permitted for  
30 services and activities fees at community colleges, unless, through a  
31 vote, a majority of students consent to increase the transportation  
32 fee. For students attending four-year institutions of higher education  
33 or classes at the Riverpoint higher education park, the mandatory  
34 transportation fee shall not exceed thirty-five percent of the maximum  
35 rate permitted for services and activities fees at the institution  
36 where the student is enrolled unless, through a vote, a majority of  
37 students consents to increase the transportation fee. The board may

1 make a limited number of exceptions to the fee based on a policy  
2 adopted by the board.

3 (2) The board of (~~the joint center for higher education under~~  
4 ~~chapter 28B.25 RCW~~) regents of Washington State University shall not  
5 impose a transportation fee on any student who is already paying a  
6 transportation fee to the institution of higher education in which the  
7 student is enrolled.

8 **Sec. 7.** RCW 43.01.236 and 1997 c 273 s 3 are each amended to read  
9 as follows:

10 All institutions of higher education as defined under RCW  
11 28B.10.016 (~~and the joint center for higher education under chapter~~  
12 ~~28B.25 RCW~~) are exempt from the requirements under RCW 43.01.240.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 8.** The following acts or parts of acts are each  
14 repealed:

- 15 (1) RCW 28B.25.010 and 1991 c 205 s 2 & 1985 c 370 s 97;  
16 (2) RCW 28B.25.020 and 1996 c 110 s 1, 1991 c 205 s 3, 1989 1st  
17 ex.s. c 7 s 11, & 1985 c 370 s 98;  
18 (3) RCW 28B.25.030 and 1996 c 110 s 2, 1991 c 205 s 4, & 1985 c 370  
19 s 99;  
20 (4) RCW 28B.25.033 and 1996 c 110 s 6 & 1991 c 205 s 5;  
21 (5) RCW 28B.15.037 and 1991 c 205 s 6;  
22 (6) RCW 28B.25.040 and 1991 c 205 s 7 & 1985 c 370 s 100;  
23 (7) RCW 28B.25.050 and 1991 c 205 s 8 & 1985 c 370 s 101;  
24 (8) RCW 28B.25.070 and 1991 c 205 s 9;  
25 (9) RCW 28B.25.075 and 1997 c 273 s 1;  
26 (10) RCW 28B.25.090 and 1996 c 110 s 3;  
27 (11) RCW 28B.25.100 and 1996 c 110 s 4; and  
28 (12) RCW 28B.25.900 and 1991 c 205 s 13.

29 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 9.** Section 5 of this act takes effect January  
30 1, 1999.

31 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 10.** Section 1 of this act is necessary for the  
32 immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or  
33 support of the state government and its existing public institutions,  
34 and takes effect immediately."

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4 On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "education;" strike the  
5 remainder of the title and insert "amending RCW 28B.10.029, 28B.45.050,  
6 28B.130.020, and 43.01.236; adding a new section to chapter 28B.35 RCW;  
7 creating new sections; repealing RCW 28B.25.010, 28B.25.020,  
8 28B.25.030, 28B.25.033, 28B.15.037, 28B.25.040, 28B.25.050, 28B.25.070,  
9 28B.25.075, 28B.25.090, 28B.25.100, and 28B.25.900; providing an  
10 effective date; and declaring an emergency."

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