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Sponsor(s): Senators Kohl-Welles, Carlson, Brown, Horn, Rossi, B. Sheldon, Mulliken, Schmidt, Johnson, Shin and Franklin

Brief Description: Creating a program to increase undergraduate and graduate enrollment in high-demand fields and programs.

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Provides that a program to contract for undergraduate placements in high-demand fields and programs, as evidenced by current limited access, is created. The higher education coordinating board shall administer the program, subject to appropriation.

Authorizes the board to accept applications for an enrollment contract from an in-state or border-state, private nonprofit institution but only where such entities have agreed to partner with a public, Washington state college or university to deliver the educational program in high demand.

Requires participating institutions to cooperate with the board to collect the data necessary to report to the governor and the legislature on the impact of the program in this act, particularly the degree of improved access to high-demand fields and programs for students and successful job placements for graduates.