CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

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APPLIED BACCALAUREATE DEGREE PILOT PROGRAM

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President of the Senate

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FRANK CHOPP
Speaker of the House of Representatives

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CERTIFICATE

I, Thomas Hoemann, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5104 as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

THOMAS HOEMANN
Secretary

CHRISTINE GREGOIRE
Governor of the State of Washington

FILED
March 26, 2008

Secretary of State
State of Washington
AN ACT Relating to the applied baccalaureate degree pilot program; amending RCW 28B.50.810; and creating new sections.

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

NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. The legislature finds that the six colleges that developed proposals for the applied baccalaureate degree pilot programs exhibited exemplary work preparing proposals. The proposals were consistent with the legislature's vision for expanding bachelor's degree access and with the principals and criteria developed by the college board. The legislature recognizes that the authorization for the pilots was limited in number and therefore not all the proposals were able to be approved. The legislature values the work that has been done and intends to provide authority for additional pilots so as not to lose the good work that has been done.

Sec. 2. RCW 28B.50.810 and 2005 c 258 s 6 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) By April 2006, the college board shall select four community or technical colleges to develop and offer programs of study leading to an applied baccalaureate degree. At least one of the four pilot programs
chosen must lead to a baccalaureate of applied science degree which builds on an associate of applied science degree. The college board shall convene a task force that includes representatives of both the community and technical colleges to develop objective selection criteria.

(2) By February 2008, the college board shall select up to three colleges to develop and offer programs of study leading to an applied baccalaureate degree. At least one of the colleges selected must be a technical college. The college board shall use the objective selection criteria developed under subsections (1) and (3) of this section to make the selection.

(3) Colleges may submit an application to become a pilot college under this section. The college board shall review the applications and select the pilot colleges using objective criteria, including:
   (a) The college demonstrates the capacity to make a long-term commitment of resources to build and sustain a high quality program;
   (b) The college has or can readily engage faculty appropriately qualified to develop and deliver a high quality curriculum at the baccalaureate level;
   (c) The college can demonstrate demand for the proposed program from a sufficient number of students within its service area to make the program cost-effective and feasible to operate;
   (d) The college can demonstrate that employers demand the level of technical training proposed within the program, making it cost-effective for students to seek the degree; and
   (e) The proposed program fills a gap in options available for students because it is not offered by a public four-year institution of higher education in the college's geographic area.

((3)) (4) A college selected as a pilot college under this section may develop the curriculum for and design and deliver courses leading to an applied baccalaureate degree. However, degree programs developed under this section are subject to approval by the college board under RCW 28B.50.090 and by the higher education coordinating board under RCW 28B.76.230 before a pilot college may enroll students in upper division courses. A pilot college approved under subsection (1) of this section may not enroll students in upper division courses before the fall academic quarter of 2006. A pilot college approved
under subsection (2) of this section may not enroll students in upper
division courses before the fall academic quarter of 2009.

NEW SECTION.  Sec. 3.  If specific funding for the purposes of this
act, referencing this act by bill or chapter number, is not provided by
June 30, 2008, in the omnibus appropriations act, this act is null and
void.

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