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**President of the Senate**

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**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 HOUSE BILL 2932 as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

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**Chief Clerk**

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AS RECOMMENDED BY THE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

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By Representatives Cantwell, Forner, Rasmussen, Ludwig and Paris

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1            AN ACT Relating to the Washington technology center; amending RCW  
2 28B.20.285; and adding new sections to chapter 28B.20 RCW.

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

4            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.**            The legislature finds that the  
5 development and commercialization of new technology is a vital part of  
6 economic development.

7            The legislature also finds that it is in the interests of the state  
8 of Washington to provide a mechanism to transfer and apply research and  
9 technology developed at the institutions of higher education to the  
10 private sector in order to create new products and technologies which  
11 provide job opportunities in advanced technology for the citizens of  
12 this state.

13            It is the intent of the legislature that the University of  
14 Washington, the Washington State University, and the department of

1 trade and economic development work cooperatively with the private  
2 sector in the development and implementation of a world class  
3 technology transfer program.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** Unless the context clearly requires  
5 otherwise, the definitions in this section apply throughout RCW  
6 28B.20.285 and sections 3 through 8 of this act.

7 (1) "Technology center" means the Washington technology center,  
8 including the affiliated staff, faculty, facilities, and research  
9 centers operated by the technology center.

10 (2) "Board" means the board of directors of the Washington  
11 technology center.

12 (3) "High technology" or "technology" includes but is not limited  
13 to the modernization, miniaturization, integration, and computerization  
14 of electronic, hydraulic, pneumatic, laser, mechanical, robotics,  
15 nuclear, chemical, telecommunication, and other technological  
16 applications to enhance productivity in areas including but not limited  
17 to manufacturing, communications, medicine, bioengineering, and  
18 commerce.

19 **Sec. 3.** RCW 28B.20.285 and 1983 1st ex.s. c 72 s 11 are each  
20 amended to read as follows:

21 A Washington (~~high technology~~) technology center is created (~~at~~  
22 ~~the University of Washington. The Washington high technology center~~  
23 ~~shall provide: (1) An interdisciplinary program to support major high-~~  
24 ~~technology education and research initiatives within the state; (2) the~~  
25 ~~resources necessary for research and development programs in high~~  
26 ~~technology; (3) quality training for advanced undergraduate and~~  
27 ~~graduate students in high technology; and (4) interdisciplinary~~  
28 ~~approaches to instruction and research in high technology fields.~~

1       ~~The Washington high technology center shall be administered by the~~  
2 ~~board of regents with the advice of the high technology coordinating~~  
3 ~~board. The University of Washington shall make the facilities of the~~  
4 ~~Washington high technology center available to other institutions of~~  
5 ~~higher education when specific program needs so require)) to be a~~  
6 collaborative effort between the state's universities, private  
7 industry, and government. The technology center shall be headquartered  
8 at the University of Washington. The mission of the technology center  
9 shall be to perform and commercialize research on a state-wide basis  
10 that benefits the intermediate and long-term economic vitality of the  
11 state of Washington, and to develop and strengthen university-industry  
12 relationships through the conduct of research that is primarily of  
13 interest to Washington-based companies or state economic development  
14 programs. The technology center shall:

15       (1) Perform and/or facilitate research supportive of state science  
16 and technology objectives, particularly as they relate to state  
17 industries;

18       (2) Provide leading edge collaborative research and technology  
19 transfer opportunities primarily to state industries;

20       (3) Provide substantial opportunities for training undergraduate  
21 and graduate students through direct involvement in research and  
22 industry interactions;

23       (4) Emphasize and develop nonstate support of the technology  
24 center's research activities; and

25       (5) Provide a forum for effective interaction between the state's  
26 technology-based industries and its academic research institutions  
27 through promotion of faculty collaboration with industry, particularly  
28 within the state.



1 (d) Establishing priorities for the selection and funding of  
2 research projects that guarantee the greatest potential return on the  
3 state's investment;

4 (e) Approving and allocating funding for research projects  
5 conducted by the technology center, based on the recommendations of the  
6 advisory committees for each of the research centers;

7 (f) In cooperation with the department of trade and economic  
8 development, developing a biennial work plan and five-year strategic  
9 plan for the technology center that are consistent with the state-wide  
10 technology development and commercialization goals;

11 (g) Coordinating with the University of Washington, Washington  
12 State University, and other participating institutions of higher  
13 education in the development of training, research, and development  
14 programs to be conducted at the technology center that shall be  
15 targeted to meet industrial needs;

16 (h) Assisting the department of trade and economic development in  
17 the department's efforts to develop state science and technology public  
18 policies and coordinate publicly funded programs;

19 (i) Reviewing annual progress reports on funded research projects  
20 that are prepared by the advisory committees for each of the research  
21 centers;

22 (j) Providing an annual report to the governor and the legislature  
23 detailing the activities and performance of the technology center; and

24 (k) Submitting annually to the department of trade and economic  
25 development an updated strategic plan and a statement of performance  
26 measured against the mission, roles, and contractual obligations of the  
27 technology center.

28 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** The University of Washington, Washington  
29 State University, and other participating institutions of higher

1 education shall provide the affiliated staff, faculty, and facilities  
2 required to support the operation of the technology center.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** The department of trade and economic  
4 development shall contract with the University of Washington for the  
5 expenditure of state-appropriated funds for the operation of the  
6 Washington technology center. The department of trade and economic  
7 development shall provide guidance to the technology center regarding  
8 expenditure of state-appropriated funds and the development of the  
9 center's strategic plan. The director of the department of trade and  
10 economic development shall not withhold funds appropriated for the  
11 technology center if the technology center complies with the provisions  
12 of its contract with the department of trade and economic development.  
13 The department shall be responsible to the legislature for the  
14 contractual performance of the center.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** The facilities of the technology center  
16 shall be made available to other institutions of higher education  
17 within the state when this would benefit specific program needs.

18 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 8.** Sections 1, 2, and 4 through 7 of this  
19 act are each added to chapter 28B.20 RCW.