
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2286

State of Washington

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By House Committee on Higher Education (originally sponsored by Representatives Blanton, Carlson, Jacobsen and Mason; by request of Higher Education Coordinating Board)

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1 AN ACT Relating to service delivery alternatives for the provision
2 of higher education; creating new sections; and making an
3 appropriation.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** As resources become more limited, it is
6 important to assess the relative cost to provide instructional services
7 by alternative structures available through Washington's higher
8 education system. Currently available are main campuses, branch
9 campuses, distance learning centers, and other instructional
10 opportunities and facilities provided by nonstate sources.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) The higher education coordinating board,
12 in consultation with the legislature, the office of financial
13 management, and postsecondary education providers shall conduct a study
14 to evaluate and estimate the relative cost of providing postsecondary
15 instruction through main campuses, branch campuses, centers, distance
16 learning through public and private colleges, and universities and
17 businesses providing postsecondary instruction.

1 (2) Public institutions of higher education shall participate in
2 the study design, data collection, completion of the study, and
3 drafting the report. Private institutions of higher education are
4 encouraged to participate.

5 (3) Before August 31, 1996, the board, in consultation with the
6 involved agencies and institutions, shall develop the study design and
7 data requirements.

8 (4) By March 30, 1997, public institutions of higher education
9 shall collect and provide to the higher education coordinating board
10 institutional cost data required by subsection (3) of this section.

11 (5) Following collections of the data, the study, evaluation, and
12 report shall focus on:

13 (a) Undergraduate education programs in arts and letters; social
14 and natural sciences excluding health sciences; business; and teacher
15 education;

16 (b) Progression and graduation rates;

17 (c) Instructional cost per student;

18 (d) Design facility capacity;

19 (e) Use of facilities; and

20 (f) Budgeted usage.

21 (6) The board may contract with consultants as necessary to
22 complete these requirements. The board shall report to the governor
23 and appropriate committees of the legislature on December 1, 1997.

24 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The sum of one hundred twenty-five thousand
25 dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for
26 the biennium ending June 30, 1997, from the general fund to the higher
27 education coordinating board to complete the study in section 2 of this
28 act.

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