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By Representatives Carlson, Jacobsen and Murray; by request of Higher Education Coordinating Board

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1 AN ACT Relating to incentive grants for innovation and quality;  
2 amending RCW 28B.120.010 and 28B.120.020; and making an appropriation.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28B.120.010 and 1991 c 98 s 2 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6 The Washington fund for ((~~excellence~~)) innovation and quality in  
7 higher education program is established. The higher education  
8 coordinating board shall administer the program. Through this program  
9 the board may award on a competitive basis incentive grants to state  
10 public institutions of higher education or consortia of institutions to  
11 encourage cooperative programs designed to address specific system  
12 problems. Grants shall not exceed a two-year period. Each institution  
13 or consortia of institutions receiving the award shall contribute some  
14 financial support, either by covering part of the costs for the program  
15 during its implementation, or by assuming continuing support at the end  
16 of the grant period. Strong priority will be given to proposals that  
17 involve more than one sector of education, and to proposals that show  
18 substantive institutional commitment. Institutions are encouraged to  
19 solicit nonstate funds to support these cooperative programs.

1       **Sec. 2.** RCW 28B.120.020 and 1991 c 98 s 3 are each amended to read  
2 as follows:

3       The higher education coordinating board shall have the following  
4 powers and duties in administering the program:

5       (1) To adopt rules necessary to carry out the program;

6       (2) To establish one or more review committees to assist in the  
7 evaluation of proposals for funding. The review committee shall  
8 include individuals with significant experience in higher education in  
9 areas relevant to one or more of the funding period priorities;

10       (3) To establish each biennium specific guidelines for submitting  
11 grant proposals consistent with the overall goals of the program.  
12 During the ~~((1991-93))~~ 1995-97 biennium the guidelines shall be  
13 consistent with the following ~~((priorities))~~ desired outcomes of  
14 increasing access, improving student learning and increasing efficiency  
15 and collaboration between institutions of higher education and the  
16 private sector through projects emphasizing:

17       ~~((Minority and diversity initiatives that encourage the~~  
18 ~~participation of minorities in higher education, including students~~  
19 ~~with disabilities, at a rate consistent with their proportion of the~~  
20 ~~population; (b) K-12 teacher preparation models that encourage~~  
21 ~~collaboration between higher education and K-12 to improve the~~  
22 ~~preparedness of teachers, including provisions for higher education~~  
23 ~~faculty involved with teacher preparation to spend time teaching in~~  
24 ~~K-12 schools))~~ Multiinstitutional development and evaluation of:

25       (i) Collaborative instructional programs involving K-12, community  
26 and technical colleges, and four-year institutions of higher education  
27 to develop a three-year degree program, or reduce the time to degree;

28       (ii) Instructional technology and multimedia curricular projects;  
29 and

30       (iii) A degree offered entirely on the internet;

31       (b) Individual institutional pilot projects to:

32       (i) Improve efficiency by five percent per year in cost or  
33 graduation rate;

34       (ii) Develop competencies and outcomes for general education or  
35 university requirements and degree programs;

36       (iii) Contract with public or private institutions or businesses to  
37 provide services or the development of collaborative programs; ((and))

1 (c) Articulation and transfer activities to smooth the transfer of  
2 students from K-12 to higher education, or from the community colleges  
3 to four-year institutions; and

4 (d) Other innovative proposals.

5 After June 30, ~~((1993))~~ 1996, and each biennium thereafter, the  
6 board shall determine funding priorities for collaborative proposals  
7 for the biennium in consultation with the governor, the legislature,  
8 the office of the superintendent of public instruction, the state board  
9 for community and technical colleges ~~((education))~~, the ~~((state board~~  
10 ~~for vocational education))~~ work force training and education  
11 coordinating board, higher education institutions, educational  
12 associations, and business and community groups consistent with state-  
13 wide needs;

14 (4) To solicit grant proposals and provide information to the  
15 institutions of higher education about the program; and

16 (5) To establish reporting, evaluation, accountability, monitoring,  
17 and dissemination requirements for the recipients of the grants.

18 NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. The sum of five million dollars, or as much  
19 thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for the biennium ending  
20 June 30, 1997, from the general fund to the higher education  
21 coordinating board to award grants from the fund for innovation and  
22 quality to public institutions of higher education.

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