

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 8425

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the
House of Representatives

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Approved

Governor of the State of Washington

CERTIFICATE

I, Tony M. Cook, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 8425** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

Secretary

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State of Washington

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AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE

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By Senate Committee on Higher Education (originally sponsored by Senators Kohl-Welles and Sheahan; by request of Higher Education Coordinating Board)

Read first time 02/04/2000.

1 WHEREAS, Chapter 370, Laws of 1985, created the Washington Higher
2 Education Coordinating Board to plan, coordinate, and provide policy
3 analysis for higher education and to represent the broad public
4 interest above the interests of individual colleges and universities;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Section 4, chapter 370, Laws of 1985, requires the board
7 to prepare and update a master plan for higher education and requires
8 the Legislature, by concurrent resolution, to "approve or recommend
9 changes" to the master plan and its subsequent updates; and

10 WHEREAS, The provisions of the master plan that are approved by the
11 Legislature become state higher education policy unless legislation is
12 subsequently enacted to revise those policies; and

13 WHEREAS, The Washington Higher Education Coordinating Board
14 submitted the initial master plan to the Legislature in December 1987,
15 and submitted updates to the plan in December 1992, January 1996, and
16 January 2000; and

17 WHEREAS, During the process used to develop the 2000 master plan,
18 the board consulted with students and families, educators, business,
19 labor, and civic organizations representing a cross-section of
20 Washington citizens; and

1 WHEREAS, The board learned that the need and expectation for higher
2 education among Washington citizens will continue to grow through the
3 next decade, because of population increases as well as the demands of
4 the state's increasingly technology-based economy; and

5 WHEREAS, The board identified the challenge of meeting future
6 demand for college education should a greater proportion of Washington
7 citizens seek upper division and graduate level study by the year 2010;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, The board spelled out its commitment to continuing to
10 expand enrollment opportunities for Washington students, to keep public
11 higher education affordable for students and families, and to provide
12 financial assistance to those who cannot otherwise afford to go to
13 college; and

14 WHEREAS, The board identified five specific goals for the state to
15 address higher education needs in the next ten years:

16 (1) Making student learning the yardstick by which institutional
17 accountability, effectiveness, and efficiency is measured;

18 (2) Linking students' participation in higher education to their
19 achievement in the K-12 grades;

20 (3) Providing the information citizens need to make the best use of
21 the learning pathways available to them;

22 (4) Enhancing higher education opportunity through greater use of
23 e-learning technologies and by increasingly efficient use of public
24 facilities; and

25 (5) Helping colleges and universities meet student needs and
26 compete in an increasingly competitive and complex education
27 marketplace; and

28 WHEREAS, The board challenged itself, students, and families, the
29 public and private institutions, the private sector, and the state to
30 each accept its individual responsibilities and to collaborate in the
31 development of solutions; and

32 WHEREAS, The board described an implementation plan to guide the
33 state's response to the needs of higher education and to estimate the
34 costs of the strategies, including the necessity to develop an
35 enrollment accommodation plan that identifies where capacity exists and
36 what the highest priorities should be;

37 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Senate of the State of
38 Washington, the House of Representatives concurring, That the
39 Washington Higher Education Coordinating Board be commended for its

1 dedication and commitment to the State of Washington in producing the
2 2000 update of the master plan for higher education titled "The 21st
3 Century Learner"; and

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Legislature thank the board for
5 describing many of the challenges facing the state in its attempts to
6 provide the postsecondary education and training our citizens need to
7 fulfill their personal goals and participate fully in the world of the
8 twenty-first century; and

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Legislature reaffirm its
10 commitment to create postsecondary opportunities in response to
11 documented demand from citizens for access to high-quality education
12 and training programs; and

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the board reexamine its assumptions
14 with regard to projected upper division and graduate enrollments, and
15 that the plan reexamine the role of the community and technical
16 colleges in meeting the postsecondary needs of a significant portion of
17 Washington's population; and

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the board reexamine its assumptions
19 with regard to the capital needs of the community and technical
20 colleges and the four-year institutions of higher education, including
21 their branch campuses; and

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the board, in consultation with the
23 office of financial management, work collaboratively with the public
24 and independent two-year and four-year universities, private vocational
25 schools, and appropriate legislative committees, to prepare an
26 enrollment accommodation plan, contemplate various growth scenarios,
27 identify related operational and capital needs, and examine
28 alternatives to address the identified budget needs; and

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the board communicate regularly with
30 the appropriate legislative committees and the governor regarding the
31 assigned tasks and report back with its results and findings before
32 proceeding with the development of its biennial budget recommendations;
33 and

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Legislature approve the following
35 recommendations of the 2000 update of the master plan:

36 (1) The goal that, by the year 2010, Washington's system of
37 postsecondary education needs to provide opportunities for additional
38 students to enroll in high-quality education and training programs;

1 (2) That solutions to the challenge may be found in strategies that
2 (a) make student learning the yardstick by which institutional
3 accountability, effectiveness, and efficiency is measured; and (b) link
4 students' participation in higher education to their achievement in the
5 K-12 grades;

6 (3) Provide the information citizens need to make the best use of
7 the learning pathways available to them, and support outreach efforts
8 designed to ensure that the higher education system reflects the
9 diversity of the state's population;

10 (4) Expand the use of e-learning technologies and use public
11 facilities to the fullest extent possible; and

12 (5) Help colleges and universities meet student needs and compete
13 in an increasingly competitive and complex education marketplace; and

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the board proceed with implementation
15 of the 2000 update of the master plan; and

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the board proceed with the
17 implementation of the 2000 update of the master plan as described in
18 "The 21st Century Learner" and modified by this resolution, and report
19 to the 2001 Legislature on progress toward implementing its strategies.

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