

2 **HB 2932** - S COMM AMD
3 By Committee on Commerce & Labor

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5 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
6 following:

7 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. Unless the context clearly requires
8 otherwise, the definitions in this section apply throughout RCW
9 28B.20.285 and sections 3 through 6 of this act.

10 (1) "Technology center" means the Washington technology center,
11 including the affiliated staff, faculty, facilities, and research
12 centers operated by the technology center.

13 (2) "Board" means the board of directors of the Washington
14 technology center.

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

22 **"Sec. 2.** RCW 28B.20.285 and 1983 1st ex.s. c 72 s 11 are each
23 amended to read as follows:

24 A Washington (~~high technology~~) technology center is created (~~at~~
25 ~~the University of Washington. The Washington high technology center~~
26 ~~shall provide: (1) An interdisciplinary program to support major high-~~
27 ~~technology education and research initiatives within the state; (2) the~~

1 resources necessary for research and development programs in high
2 technology; (3) quality training for advanced undergraduate and
3 graduate students in high technology; and (4) interdisciplinary
4 approaches to instruction and research in high technology fields.

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

19 (1) Perform and/or facilitate research supportive of state science
20 and technology objectives, particularly as they relate to state
21 industries;

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

24 (3) Provide substantial opportunities for training undergraduate
25 and graduate students through direct involvement in research and
26 industry interactions;

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

29 (5) Provide a forum for effective interaction between the state's
30 technology-based industries and its academic research institutions

1 through promotion of faculty collaboration with industry, particularly
2 within the state."

3 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. (1) The technology center shall be
4 administered by the board of directors of the technology center.

5 (2) The board shall consist of the following members: Fourteen
6 members from among individuals who are associated with or employed by
7 technology-based industries and have broad business experience and an
8 understanding of high technology; eight members from the state's
9 universities with graduate science and engineering programs; one member
10 representing the state's regional universities; the executive director
11 of the Spokane Intercollegiate Research and Technology Institute; the
12 provost of the University of Washington; and the director of the state
13 department of trade and economic development. The term of office for
14 each board member, excluding the executive director of the Spokane
15 Intercollegiate Research and Technology Institute, the provost of the
16 University of Washington, and the director of the state department of
17 trade and economic development, shall be three years. The executive
18 director of the technology center shall be an ex-officio, nonvoting
19 member of the board. The board shall meet at least quarterly. Board
20 members shall be appointed by the governor based on the recommendations
21 of the existing board of the technology center, the research
22 universities, and the high technology industry.

23 (3) The duties of the board include:

24 (a) Developing the general operating policies for the technology
25 center;

26 (b) Appointing the executive director of the technology center;

27 (c) Approving the annual operating budget of the technology center;

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) Contracting with the department of trade and economic
25 development regarding expenditure of state-appropriated funds."

26 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** The University of Washington, Washington
27 State University, and other participating institutions of higher
28 education shall provide the affiliated staff, faculty, and facilities
29 required to support the operation of the technology center."

1 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** The department of trade and economic
2 development shall contract with and provide guidance to the technology
3 center regarding expenditure of state-appropriated funds. The director
4 of the department of trade and economic development shall not withhold
5 funds appropriated for the technology center if the technology center
6 complies with the provisions of its contract with the department of
7 trade and economic development."

8 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** The facilities of the technology center
9 shall be made available to other institutions of higher education
10 within the state when this would benefit specific program needs."

11 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** A new section is added to chapter 43.131
12 RCW to read as follows:

13 The Washington technology center shall be terminated June 30, 1996,
14 as provided in section 8 of this act."

15 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 8.** A new section is added to chapter 43.131
16 RCW to read as follows:

17 The following acts or parts of acts, as now existing or hereafter
18 amended, are each repealed, effective June 30, 1997:

- 19 (1) RCW 28B.20.--- and 1992 c --- s 1 (section 1 of this act);
20 (2) RCW 28B.20.285 and 1992 c --- s 2 (section 2 of this act) &
21 1983 1st ex.s. c 72 s 11;
22 (3) RCW 28B.20.--- and 1992 c --- s 3 (section 3 of this act);
23 (4) RCW 28B.20.--- and 1992 c --- s 4 (section 4 of this act);
24 (5) RCW 28B.20.--- and 1992 c --- s 5 (section 5 of this act); and
25 (6) RCW 28B.20.--- and 1992 c --- s 6 (section 6 of this act)."

1 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 9.** Sections 1 and 3 through 6 of this act
2 are each added to chapter 28B.20 RCW."

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6 On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "center;" strike the
7 remainder of the title and insert "amending RCW 28B.20.285; adding new
8 sections to chapter 28B.20 RCW; and adding new sections to chapter
9 43.131 RCW."