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1 AN ACT Relating to the Washington technology center; amending RCW
2 28B.20.285; adding new sections to chapter 28B.20 RCW; and adding new
3 sections to chapter 43.131 RCW.

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

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

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

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

13 (3) "High technology" or "technology" includes but is not limited
14 to the modernization, miniaturization, integration, and computerization

1 of electronic, hydraulic, pneumatic, laser, mechanical, robotics,
2 nuclear, chemical, telecommunication, and other technological
3 applications to enhance productivity in areas including but not limited
4 to manufacturing, communications, medicine, bioengineering, and
5 commerce.

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

8 A Washington (~~(high technology)~~) technology center is created (~~(at~~
9 ~~the University of Washington. The Washington high technology center~~
10 ~~shall provide: (1) An interdisciplinary program to support major high-~~
11 ~~technology education and research initiatives within the state; (2) the~~
12 ~~resources necessary for research and development programs in high~~
13 ~~technology; (3) quality training for advanced undergraduate and~~
14 ~~graduate students in high technology; and (4) interdisciplinary~~
15 ~~approaches to instruction and research in high technology fields.~~

16 The Washington high technology center shall be administered by the
17 board of regents with the advice of the high technology coordinating
18 board. The University of Washington shall make the facilities of the
19 Washington high technology center available to other institutions of
20 higher education when specific program needs so require)) to be a
21 collaborative effort between the state's universities, private
22 industry, and government. The technology center shall be headquartered
23 at the University of Washington. The mission of the technology center
24 shall be to perform and commercialize research on a state-wide basis
25 that benefits the intermediate and long-term economic vitality of the
26 state of Washington, and to develop and strengthen university-industry
27 relationships through the conduct of research that is primarily of
28 interest to Washington-based companies or state economic development
29 programs. The technology center shall:

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

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

6 (3) Provide substantial opportunities for training undergraduate
7 and graduate students through direct involvement in research and
8 industry interactions;

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

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

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

17 (2) The board shall consist of the following members: Fourteen
18 members from among individuals who are associated with or employed by
19 technology-based industries and have broad business experience and an
20 understanding of high technology; eight members from the state's
21 universities with graduate science and engineering programs; one member
22 representing the state's regional universities; the executive director
23 of the Spokane Intercollegiate Research and Technology Institute; the
24 provost of the University of Washington; and the director of the state
25 department of trade and economic development. The term of office for
26 each board member, excluding the executive director of the Spokane
27 Intercollegiate Research and Technology Institute, the provost of the
28 University of Washington, and the director of the state department of
29 trade and economic development, shall be three years. The executive

1 director of the technology center shall be an ex-officio, nonvoting
2 member of the board. The board shall meet at least quarterly. Board
3 members shall be appointed by the governor based on the recommendations
4 of the existing board of the technology center, the research
5 universities, and the high technology industry.

6 (3) The duties of the board include:

7 (a) Developing the general operating policies for the technology
8 center;

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

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

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

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

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

21 (g) Coordinating with the University of Washington, Washington
22 State University, and other participating institutions of higher
23 education in the development of training, research, and development
24 programs to be conducted at the technology center that shall be
25 targeted to meet industrial needs;

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

1 (i) Reviewing annual progress reports on funded research projects
2 that are prepared by the advisory committees for each of the research
3 centers;

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

6 (k) Contracting with the department of trade and economic
7 development regarding expenditure of state-appropriated funds.

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** The University of Washington, Washington
9 State University, and other participating institutions of higher
10 education shall provide the affiliated staff, faculty, and facilities
11 required to support the operation of the technology center.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** The department of trade and economic
13 development shall contract with and provide guidance to the technology
14 center regarding expenditure of state-appropriated funds. The director
15 of the department of trade and economic development shall not withhold
16 funds appropriated for the technology center if the technology center
17 complies with the provisions of its contract with the department of
18 trade and economic development.

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

22 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** A new section is added to chapter 43.131 RCW
23 to read as follows:

24 The Washington technology center shall be terminated June 30, 1994,
25 as provided in section 8 of this act.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 8.** A new section is added to chapter 43.131 RCW
2 to read as follows:

3 The following acts or parts of acts, as now existing or hereafter
4 amended, are each repealed, effective June 30, 1995:

5 (1) RCW 28B.20.--- and 1992 c --- s 1 (section 1 of this act);

6 (2) RCW 28B.20.285 and 1992 c --- s 2 (section 2 of this act) &
7 1983 1st ex.s. c 72 s 11;

8 (3) RCW 28B.20.--- and 1992 c --- s 3 (section 3 of this act);

9 (4) RCW 28B.20.--- and 1992 c --- s 4 (section 4 of this act);

10 (5) RCW 28B.20.--- and 1992 c --- s 5 (section 5 of this act); and

11 (6) RCW 28B.20.--- and 1992 c --- s 6 (section 6 of this act).

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