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1 AN ACT Relating to interlibrary sharing; and adding new sections to
2 chapter 43.147 RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** In chapter 251, Laws of 1991, the
5 legislature enacted into law the Pacific Northwest economic region
6 agreement and made the state of Washington a party along with member
7 states Alaska, Idaho, Montana, and Oregon, and member Canadian
8 provinces Alberta and British Columbia. The legislature recognized
9 that the member states and provinces of the Pacific Northwest economic
10 region are in a strategic position to act together, as a region, thus
11 increasing the overall competitiveness of the members and providing
12 substantial economic benefits for all of their citizens.

13 For those reasons, in chapter 251, Laws of 1991, the legislature
14 also encouraged the establishment of cooperative activities between the
15 seven legislative bodies of the Pacific Northwest economic region. The
16 member states and provinces now desire to engage in such cooperation by
17 electronically sharing twenty-two million volumes from certain of their
18 respective universities. The member states and provinces have
19 determined that such interlibrary sharing will provide substantial

1 economic benefit for their citizens. The legislature agrees,
2 specifically also finding that such interlibrary sharing furthers a
3 major component of education strategy in the 1990's and twenty-first
4 century, namely providing increased access to knowledge via technology.

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** Unless the context clearly requires
6 otherwise, as used in sections 1 through 6 of this act "PNWER-Net"
7 means the technology network to be created by the member states and
8 provinces of the Pacific Northwest economic region that will be capable
9 of electronically linking the following undergraduate university
10 libraries of the member states and provinces:

11 (1) Alaska:

12 (a) University of Alaska, Anchorage;

13 (b) University of Alaska, Juneau;

14 (2) Alberta:

15 (a) University of Alberta, Calgary;

16 (b) University of Alberta, Edmonton;

17 (3) British Columbia:

18 (a) University of British Columbia, Vancouver;

19 (b) University of Victoria, Victoria;

20 (4) Idaho:

21 (a) Boise State University, Boise;

22 (b) University of Idaho, Moscow;

23 (5) Montana:

24 (a) Montana State University, Bozeman;

25 (b) University of Montana, Missoula;

26 (6) Oregon:

27 (a) Oregon State University, Corvallis;

28 (b) University of Oregon, Eugene;

29 (7) Washington:

30 (a) University of Washington, Seattle; and

31 (b) Washington State University, Pullman.

32 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** (1) The PNWER-Net working subgroup is hereby
33 created for the member state of Washington. The working subgroup shall
34 be composed of seven members as follows: Two members of the senate,
35 one from each of the major caucuses, appointed by the president of the
36 senate; two members of the house of representatives, appointed by the
37 speaker of the house of representatives; the state librarian; and the

1 primary undergraduate academic librarian from each of the state's two
2 research institutions of higher education.

3 (2) The staff support shall be provided by the senate committee
4 services and the house of representatives office of program research as
5 mutually agreed by the legislators on the working group.

6 (3) The expenses of the legislative members shall be paid by the
7 legislature. The expenses of the other members or their designees
8 shall be paid by their respective state agencies.

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** The PNWER-Net working subgroup shall have
10 the following duties:

11 (1) To work with working subgroups from other member states and
12 provinces in an entity known as the PNWER-Net working group to develop
13 PNWER-Net;

14 (2) To assist the PNWER-Net working group in developing criteria to
15 ensure that designated member libraries use common carrier
16 telecommunications infrastructure and open systems standards rather
17 than dedicated, private infrastructure and standards;

18 (3) To report to the legislature by December 1, 1994, concerning
19 the status of PNWER-Net; and

20 (4) To account for all funds received and spent under section 6 of
21 this act.

22 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** The PNWER-Net working subgroup may accept
23 gifts, grants, and donations from private individuals and entities made
24 for the purposes of sections 1 through 4 of this act.

25 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** (1) The PNWER-Net account is created in the
26 custody of the state treasurer. All receipts from appropriations and
27 gifts, grants, and donations from private individuals and entities
28 shall be deposited into the account. Expenditures from the account may
29 be used only for the purposes of sections 1 through 4 of this act
30 including contributing to a PNWER-Networking group account if one is
31 established. Only the PNWER-Networking subgroup chairperson may
32 authorize expenditures from the account. The account is subject to the
33 allotment procedures under chapter 43.88 RCW, but no appropriation is
34 required for expenditures.

35 (2) Funds in the account may be expended only after the following
36 conditions have been met:

1 (a) PNWER-Net technology shall be capable of linking the designated
2 university libraries within and between two or more PNWER member states
3 or provinces; and

4 (b) At least two PNWER member states or provinces shall have
5 committed to funding linkage to PNWER-Net.

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** Sections 1 through 6 of this act are each
7 added to chapter 43.147 RCW.

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