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1 AN ACT Relating to the planning and design of a consolidated
2 information center; creating a new section; and making an
3 appropriation.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The consolidated information center at
6 Washington State University's Tri-Cities branch campus is a unique
7 collaboration of state, federal, and private scientific resources to
8 form a regional environmental information center. The consolidated
9 information center consists of three major components:

10 (a) A consolidated library housing the merged Hanford Technical
11 Library and Washington State University's Tri-Cities library collection
12 and services;

13 (b) An environmental resource center incorporating the United
14 States department of energy's public reading room and offices of the
15 Washington center for environmental and science molecular sciences; and

16 (c) A continuing education conference and training center.

17 (2) The consolidated library will provide public and academic use
18 of one of the most extensive collections of scientific materials that
19 currently has very restricted access due to its location on the Hanford

1 site. The consolidated information center would make this eight
2 hundred thousand item collection, its on-line computer access to over
3 three hundred fifty information data bases, and Washington State
4 University's library resources available for instruction, research, and
5 national and international conferences.

6 (3) The environmental resource center will be the depository for
7 the United States department of energy's data and collections on
8 agricultural and Hanford-related environmental issues. It will serve
9 the environmental science and engineering and agriculture academic
10 programs, support the new food and environmental quality laboratory,
11 and provide an essential data resource for private and public
12 technology and environmental organizations.

13 (4) The construction costs of the new consolidated information
14 center will be shared between the United States department of energy
15 and the state of Washington. It is anticipated that the ongoing
16 federal operating funds of the Hanford technical library and Hanford
17 reading room will be transferred to the new consolidated information
18 center.

19 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The sum of one million four hundred ten
20 thousand dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, is
21 appropriated for the biennium ending June 30, 1995, from the state
22 building construction account to Washington State University for the
23 consolidated information center.

24 Of the amount appropriated in this section, one hundred eighty-six
25 thousand dollars shall be for predesign and one million two hundred
26 twenty-four thousand dollars shall be for design of the consolidated
27 information center.

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