

1 **SSCR 8401 - H AMD 416 ADOPTED 4/17/03**
2 By Representative Kenney

3 On page 1, strike everything after "WHEREAS," on line 1 and
4 insert the following:

5 "Collaboration and coordination among all sectors of education
6 including but not limited to prekindergarten, the K-12 system, the
7 community and technical college system, the four-year colleges and
8 universities, and the independent colleges and private career
9 schools are essential to developing an educated citizenry;

10 WHEREAS, The education and higher education committees of the
11 Washington State Senate and House of Representatives each intend
12 separately to examine issues of strategic planning, coordination,
13 and governance for the K-12 and postsecondary education systems
14 during the 2003 legislative interim; and

15 WHEREAS, A forum should be created to expand collaboration
16 among educational sectors, starting with the education oversight
17 committees of the Legislature;

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Senate of the State of
19 Washington, the House of Representatives concurring, That the
20 Senate committee on education, the Senate committee on higher
21 education, the House of Representatives committee on education, and
22 the House of Representatives committee on higher education shall
23 convene a joint work session along with education and higher
24 education stakeholders before December 31, 2003; and

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the purpose of the joint work
26 session shall be for the committees and stakeholders to share the
27 findings and recommendations of their interim work on strategic
28 planning, coordination, and governance in K-12 and postsecondary
29 education and to discuss common topics and themes that cross
30 educational sectors, including the readiness of the state's higher
31 education institutions to meet the anticipated needs of students
32 educated in a standards-based K-12 environment; the need for

1 college admissions to be aligned with K-12 standards and
2 assessments; and what changes in the education environment will
3 reduce the need for remediation as students are placed in college
4 courses; and

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, At the joint work session, the
6 committees and stakeholders shall discuss opportunities for further
7 collaboration in policy development and oversight of the various
8 educational sectors in Washington."

EFFECT: Replaces the interim work group with an interim work session of the House and Senate Education and Higher Education committees, along with stakeholders, to be held prior to December 31, 2003. Instead of developing recommendations for a Master Plan for Education, the committees and stakeholders will share findings and recommendations from their separate work on strategic planning, coordination, and governance in K-12 and higher education and discuss common topics that cross education sectors. The committees and stakeholders will also discuss further opportunities for collaboration and oversight.