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By Representatives Kenney, Cox, Fromhold, Priest, Berkey, Jarrett, Gombosky, Morrell, Chase, McCoy and Lantz

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1 AN ACT Relating to establishing standards of review in order to
2 change lines of instruction at research universities; amending RCW
3 28B.10.115; and adding a new section to chapter 28B.80 RCW.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28B.10.115 and 1985 c 218 s 1 are each amended to read
6 as follows:

7 The courses of instruction of both the University of Washington and
8 Washington State University shall embrace as major lines, pharmacy,
9 architecture, civil engineering, (~~electrical engineering,~~) mechanical
10 engineering, chemical engineering, and forest management as
11 distinguished from forest products and logging engineering which are
12 exclusive to the University of Washington. These major lines shall be
13 offered and taught at said institutions only.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 28B.80 RCW
15 to read as follows:

16 (1) This section applies to any amendment to RCW 28B.10.115 after

1 January 1, 2003, that changes the major lines of instruction exclusive
2 to the University of Washington or Washington State University,
3 including the amendments in chapter . . . , Laws of 2003 (this act).

4 (2) If a four-year institution requests approval under RCW
5 28B.80.340 of a new degree program that is the result of legislation
6 enacted to change the terms of RCW 28B.10.115, the higher education
7 coordinating board shall conduct an independent analysis using
8 information from a variety of sources as part of the board's review of
9 the proposed program, including but not limited to information
10 submitted by the institution. Such information shall include:

11 (a) Detailed evidence of why the program is justified, including
12 the size and scope of student, employer, and community demand for the
13 program;

14 (b) The feasibility of using existing public or private capacity
15 for the program and comparisons of the state cost of providing existing
16 and proposed capacity. Any institution that offers programs under this
17 section shall comply with all applicable state rules and regulations;

18 (c) Projected future enrollment in the program and substantiation
19 of the enrollment estimates; and

20 (d) Additional information as requested by the board regarding
21 demand, need, and cost-effectiveness of the program.

22 (3) The higher education coordinating board shall submit a complete
23 analysis of a proposed program under this section to the higher
24 education committees of the legislature before making a final
25 determination regarding approval of the program.

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