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**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2184**

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**State of Washington**

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**By** House Committee on Capital Budget (originally sponsored by Representatives McIntire, Cox, Dunshee, Kenney and Alexander)

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1 AN ACT Relating to higher education facilities; adding a new  
2 section to chapter 43.41 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that there is a  
5 significant backlog of preservation projects needed to maintain the  
6 usefulness of buildings and protect the health and safety of students,  
7 faculty, and the public. The legislature also finds that facility  
8 inventory and condition data is independently produced and maintained  
9 by each higher education institution. A 2002 legislative study  
10 indicates that this independent data can be translated and calibrated  
11 to a standard statewide data base while maintaining the individuality  
12 of the institutions. Uniform and comprehensive facility inventory and  
13 condition data will enable institutions and the legislature to  
14 prioritize projects to reduce the preservation backlog and to prevent  
15 the backlog from increasing. It will also enable the legislature to  
16 use preservation standards along with mission, access, and program  
17 considerations when determining capital priorities.

1        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 2.**    A new section is added to chapter 43.41 RCW  
2 to read as follows:

3        (1)    The office, in consultation with the higher education  
4 coordinating board and higher education institutions, shall establish  
5 and maintain a system to collect and assemble existing facility data at  
6 the various institutions and translate this information into a  
7 comparable framework to create a statewide uniform building inventory  
8 and condition system. This process must seek to minimize the needed  
9 changes to current systems and reporting costs at the individual  
10 institutions.

11        (2)    The office and the higher education coordinating board shall  
12 report to the legislature each December of even-numbered years on  
13 progress made in establishing the inventory and condition system under  
14 subsection (1) of this section, and progress made in addressing the  
15 preservation backlog. The office shall add infrastructure to the  
16 system and incorporate program suitability in prioritizing preservation  
17 projects as soon as feasible.

18        (3)    The joint legislative audit and review committee and the  
19 legislative evaluation and accountability program committee shall, upon  
20 request, provide technical and system design assistance.

21        (4)    The office may allow for possible expansion of this detailed  
22 uniform statewide facility inventory and condition system for higher  
23 education to other areas of state government.

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