
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2843

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By House Committee on Higher Education (originally sponsored by Representatives Sommers, Kenney, Cox, Fromhold, Sehlin, Priest, Chase, McCoy, Ormsby and Lantz)

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1 AN ACT Relating to regional universities; amending RCW 28B.45.020;
2 adding a new section to chapter 28B.20 RCW; creating new sections; and
3 providing an effective date.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The legislature finds that, over the
6 next decade, large numbers of Washington students will graduate from
7 high school and seek access to higher education. Washington's new
8 knowledge-based economy demands ever-increasing levels of education and
9 training from our work force. Yet Washington continues to lag
10 significantly behind other states in its production of students with
11 baccalaureate and graduate degrees.

12 (2) The legislature also finds that no new public four-year
13 institution of higher education has been created since 1967. There has
14 been no new comprehensive institution since before statehood in the
15 late 1890s when the state normal schools were established.

16 (3) The legislature affirms its continued strong support for
17 Washington's community and technical college system and the two plus
18 two model of education that provides access to baccalaureate degrees

1 throughout the state. The legislature further finds that creation of
2 an additional four-year institution would complement the existing
3 structure and provide additional options for students.

4 (4) The current branch campus of the University of Washington at
5 Bothell offers an opportunity to take advantage of the excellence and
6 reputation of a premier research university while also creating a four-
7 year campus focused on providing access to baccalaureate and
8 professional graduate education in a heavily populated urban area of
9 the state.

10 (5) Therefore, the legislature intends to create the University of
11 Washington Bothell, a four-year campus with the mission of a
12 comprehensive university.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 28B.20 RCW
14 to read as follows:

15 There is hereby established the University of Washington Bothell as
16 a campus with a distinct mission to offer lower and upper-division
17 undergraduate and graduate education programs through the master's
18 degree, including programs of a practical and applied nature, directed
19 to the educational and professional needs of the residents in the
20 region; to act as a receiving institution for transferring community
21 college students; and to provide extended occupational and
22 complementary studies programs that continue or are otherwise
23 integrated with the educational services of the region's community
24 colleges.

25 **Sec. 3.** RCW 28B.45.020 and 1994 c 217 s 3 are each amended to read
26 as follows:

27 The University of Washington is responsible for ensuring the
28 expansion of upper-division and graduate educational programs in the
29 central Puget Sound area under rules or guidelines adopted by the
30 higher education coordinating board. The University of Washington
31 shall meet that responsibility through the operation of ~~((at least two
32 branch campuses. One))~~ a branch campus ~~((shall be))~~ located in the
33 Tacoma area. ~~((Another branch campus shall be collocated with Cascadia
34 Community College in the Bothell-Woodinville area.))~~

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** (1) The University of Washington shall
2 convene a transition work group to identify implementation issues and
3 recommend solutions associated with the new designation of the
4 University of Washington Bothell.

5 (2) The work group must include representatives from the university
6 main campus and Bothell campus, the higher education coordinating
7 board, and the office of financial management.

8 (3) The work group must address the following issues as well as
9 others identified by the work group:

10 (a) The phase-in of lower-division courses;

11 (b) An enrollment plan that provides adequate capacity for
12 community college transfer students;

13 (c) Appropriate levels of state general fund support and tuition
14 and fees for the campus, commensurate with its role and mission; and

15 (d) Identification of any start-up costs to implement the
16 transition.

17 (4) The work group must submit a progress report to the higher
18 education and fiscal committees of the senate and house of
19 representatives by December 15, 2004.

20 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** Sections 2 and 3 of this act take effect
21 July 1, 2005.

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