

1 been no new comprehensive institution since before statehood in the
2 late 1890s when the state normal schools were established.

3 (3) The legislature affirms its continued strong support for
4 Washington's community and technical college system and the two plus
5 two model of education that provides access to baccalaureate degrees
6 throughout the state. The legislature further finds that creation of
7 a new four-year institution would complement the existing structure and
8 provide additional options for students.

9 (4) The current branch campus of the University of Washington at
10 Bothell, colocated with Cascadia Community College, offers a unique
11 opportunity to create a single, unified four-year institution of higher
12 education, focused on providing access to baccalaureate and
13 professional graduate education in a heavily populated urban area of
14 the state.

15 (5) Therefore, the legislature intends to merge the branch campus
16 and community college to create a new regional university: Cascadia
17 State University at Bothell.

18 **Sec. 2.** RCW 28B.35.010 and 1977 ex.s. c 169 s 44 are each amended
19 to read as follows:

20 The regional universities shall be located and designated as
21 follows: At Bellingham, Western Washington University; at Cheney,
22 Eastern Washington University; at Ellensburg, Central Washington
23 University; and at Bothell, Cascadia State University.

24 **Sec. 3.** RCW 28B.35.050 and 1977 ex.s. c 169 s 2 are each amended
25 to read as follows:

26 The primary purposes of the regional universities shall be to offer
27 undergraduate and graduate education programs through the master's
28 degree, including programs of a practical and applied nature, directed
29 to the educational and professional needs of the residents of the
30 regions they serve; to act as receiving institutions for transferring
31 community college students; and to provide extended occupational and
32 complementary studies programs that continue or are otherwise
33 integrated with the educational services of the region's community
34 colleges.

35 ~~((No college shall be eligible for designation as a regional~~

1 ~~university until it has been in operation for at least twenty years and~~
2 ~~has been authorized to offer master's degree programs in more than~~
3 ~~three fields.))~~

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** A new section is added to chapter 28B.35 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) There is hereby created a board of trustees for Cascadia State
7 University, in whom is vested the governance of the university.

8 (2)(a) Until July 1, 2005, the board of trustees of Cascadia
9 Community College shall be the board for both the university and the
10 community college to oversee the transition and creation of the new
11 higher education institution. The term of office for members on the
12 board as of the effective date of this section shall be the same term
13 as the members' original appointment.

14 (b) The governor shall appoint two additional members to the board:
15 One member who serves a four-year initial term and one member who
16 serves a six-year initial term.

17 (c) In case of a vacancy, the governor shall fill the vacancy for
18 the remainder of the term of the trustee whose office has become
19 vacant. When a trustee's term expires, the governor shall appoint a
20 replacement for a six-year term. Members shall be appointed with the
21 consent of the senate.

22 (d) Four members of the board constitute a quorum for the
23 transaction of business.

24 (3) Members serving on the board on July 1, 2005, shall continue to
25 serve as board members for Cascadia State University. Vacancies and
26 replacement of members whose terms have expired, appointment of a
27 student member, and operation of the board shall be as described in RCW
28 28B.35.100.

29 **Sec. 5.** RCW 28B.35.200 and 1977 ex.s. c 169 s 50 are each amended
30 to read as follows:

31 The degree of bachelor of arts or the degree of bachelor of science
32 and/or the degree of bachelor of arts in education may be granted to
33 any student who has completed a four-year course of study or the
34 equivalent thereof in Central Washington University, Eastern Washington
35 University, ~~((or))~~ Western Washington University, or Cascadia State
36 University.

1 **Sec. 6.** RCW 28B.35.205 and 1991 c 58 s 2 are each amended to read
2 as follows:

3 In addition to all other powers and duties given to them by law,
4 Central Washington University, Eastern Washington University, ~~((and))~~
5 Western Washington University, and Cascadia State University are hereby
6 authorized to grant any degree through the master's degree to any
7 student who has completed a program of study and/or research in those
8 areas which are determined by the faculty and board of trustees of the
9 college to be appropriate for the granting of such degree: PROVIDED,
10 That before any degree is authorized under this section it shall be
11 subject to the review and approval of the higher education coordinating
12 board. Approved degrees offered by the branch campus of the University
13 of Washington at Bothell as of the effective date of this section may
14 continue to be offered by Cascadia State University without further
15 review or approval by the higher education coordinating board.

16 The board of trustees, upon recommendation of the faculty, may also
17 confer honorary bachelor's or master's degrees upon persons other than
18 graduates of the institution, in recognition of their learning or
19 devotion to education, literature, art, or science. No degree may be
20 conferred in consideration of the payment of money or the donation of
21 any kind of property.

22 **Sec. 7.** RCW 28B.10.016 and 1992 c 231 s 1 are each amended to read
23 as follows:

24 For the purposes of this title:

25 (1) "State universities" means the University of Washington and
26 Washington State University.

27 (2) "Regional universities" means Western Washington University at
28 Bellingham, Central Washington University at Ellensburg, ~~((and))~~
29 Eastern Washington University at Cheney, and Cascadia State University
30 at Bothell.

31 (3) "State college" means The Evergreen State College in Thurston
32 county.

33 (4) "Institutions of higher education" or "postsecondary
34 institutions" means the state universities, the regional universities,
35 The Evergreen State College, the community colleges, and the technical
36 colleges.

1 (5) "Governing board" means the board of regents or the board of
2 trustees of the institutions of higher education.

3 **Sec. 8.** RCW 28B.10.020 and 1985 c 370 s 50 are each amended to
4 read as follows:

5 The boards of regents of the University of Washington and
6 Washington State University, respectively, and the boards of trustees
7 of Central Washington University, Eastern Washington University,
8 Western Washington University, Cascadia State University, and The
9 Evergreen State College, respectively, shall have the power and
10 authority to acquire by exchange, gift, purchase, lease, or
11 condemnation in the manner provided by chapter 8.04 RCW for
12 condemnation of property for public use, such lands, real estate and
13 other property, and interests therein as they may deem necessary for
14 the use of said institutions respectively. However, the purchase or
15 lease of major off-campus facilities is subject to the approval of the
16 higher education coordinating board under RCW 28B.80.340.

17 **Sec. 9.** RCW 28B.15.005 and 1977 ex.s. c 169 s 33 are each amended
18 to read as follows:

19 (1) "Colleges and universities" for the purposes of this chapter
20 shall mean Central Washington University at Ellensburg, Eastern
21 Washington University at Cheney, Western Washington University at
22 Bellingham, Cascadia State University, at Bothell, The Evergreen State
23 College in Thurston county, community colleges as are provided for in
24 chapter 28B.50 RCW, the University of Washington, and Washington State
25 University.

26 (2) "State universities" for the purposes of this chapter shall
27 mean the University of Washington and Washington State University.

28 (3) "Regional universities" for the purposes of this chapter shall
29 mean Central Washington University, Eastern Washington University
30 (~~and~~), Western Washington University, and Cascadia State University.

31 **Sec. 10.** RCW 28B.14H.010 and 2003 1st sp.s. c 18 s 3 are each
32 amended to read as follows:

33 The definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter
34 unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

1 (1) "Bonds" means bonds, notes, commercial paper, certificates of
2 indebtedness, or other evidences of indebtedness of the state issued
3 under this chapter.

4 (2) "Institutions of higher education" means the University of
5 Washington and Washington State University, Western Washington
6 University at Bellingham, Central Washington University at Ellensburg,
7 Eastern Washington University at Cheney, Cascadia State University at
8 Bothell, The Evergreen State College, and the community colleges and
9 technical colleges as defined by RCW 28B.50.030.

10 (3) "Washington's future bonds" means all or any portion of the
11 general obligation bonds authorized in RCW 28B.14H.020.

12 **Sec. 11.** RCW 28B.80.310 and 1985 c 370 s 2 are each amended to
13 read as follows:

14 For the purposes of this chapter:

15 (1) "Board" means the higher education coordinating board; and

16 (2) "Four-year institutions" means the University of Washington,
17 Washington State University, Central Washington University, Eastern
18 Washington University, Western Washington University, Cascadia State
19 University, and The Evergreen State College.

20 **PART II**
21 **TRANSITION**

22 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 12.** (1) All powers, duties, and functions of
23 the board of regents of the University of Washington pertaining to the
24 branch campus at Bothell are hereby transferred to the board of
25 trustees of Cascadia State University.

26 (2)(a) All reports, documents, surveys, books, records, files,
27 papers, or written material in the possession of the University of
28 Washington pertaining to the branch campus at Bothell shall be
29 delivered to the custody of Cascadia State University. All cabinets,
30 furniture, office equipment, motor vehicles, and other tangible
31 property employed by the University of Washington pertaining to the
32 branch campus at Bothell shall be made available to Cascadia State
33 University. All funds, credits, or other assets held by the board of
34 regents of the University of Washington pertaining to the branch campus

1 at Bothell shall be assigned to the board of trustees of Cascadia State
2 University.

3 (b) Title to or interest in all real estate, buildings, facilities,
4 and liabilities including indebtedness or court claims held by the
5 board of regents of the University of Washington pertaining to the
6 branch campus at Bothell shall be transferred to the board of trustees
7 of Cascadia State University.

8 (c) If any question arises as to the transfer of any personnel,
9 funds, books, documents, records, papers, files, equipment, or other
10 tangible property used or held in the exercise of the powers and the
11 performance of the duties and functions transferred, the director of
12 financial management shall make a determination as to the proper
13 allocation and certify the same to the state agencies concerned.

14 (d) Any appropriations made in connection with the powers, duties,
15 and functions transferred by this act shall, on the effective date of
16 this section, be transferred and credited to Cascadia State University.

17 (3) All employees of the University of Washington branch campus at
18 Bothell are transferred to the jurisdiction of Cascadia State
19 University. All employees classified under chapter 41.06 RCW, the
20 state civil service law, are assigned to Cascadia State University to
21 perform their usual duties upon the same terms as formerly, without any
22 loss of rights, subject to any action that may be appropriate
23 thereafter in accordance with the laws and rules governing state civil
24 service.

25 (4) Nothing contained in this section may be construed to alter any
26 existing collective bargaining unit or the provisions of any existing
27 collective bargaining agreement until the agreement has expired or
28 until the bargaining unit has been modified by action of the public
29 employment relations commission as provided by law.

30 (5) All rules and all pending business before the board of regents
31 of the University of Washington pertaining to the branch campus at
32 Bothell shall be continued and acted upon by the board of trustees of
33 Cascadia State University. All existing contracts and obligations
34 shall remain in full force and shall be performed by Cascadia State
35 University.

36 (6) The transfer of the powers, duties, functions, and personnel of
37 the board of regents of the University of Washington pertaining to the

1 branch campus at Bothell shall not affect the validity of any act
2 performed before the effective date of this section.

3 (7) If apportionments of budgeted funds are required because of the
4 transfers directed by this section, the director of financial
5 management shall certify the apportionments to the agencies affected,
6 the state auditor, and the state treasurer. Each of these shall make
7 the appropriate transfer and adjustments in funds and appropriation
8 accounts and equipment records in accordance with the certification.

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 13.** (1) All powers, duties, and functions of
10 the board of trustees of Cascadia Community College are hereby
11 transferred to the board of trustees of Cascadia State University.

12 (2)(a) All reports, documents, surveys, books, records, files,
13 papers, or written material in the possession of Cascadia Community
14 College shall be delivered to the custody of Cascadia State University.
15 All cabinets, furniture, office equipment, motor vehicles, and other
16 tangible property employed by Cascadia Community College shall be made
17 available to Cascadia State University. All funds, credits, or other
18 assets held by the board of trustees of Cascadia Community College
19 shall be assigned to the board of trustees of Cascadia State
20 University.

21 (b) Title to or interest in all real estate, buildings, facilities,
22 and liabilities including indebtedness or court claims held by the
23 board of trustees of Cascadia Community College shall be transferred to
24 the board of trustees of Cascadia State University.

25 (c) If any question arises as to the transfer of any personnel,
26 funds, books, documents, records, papers, files, equipment, or other
27 tangible property used or held in the exercise of the powers and the
28 performance of the duties and functions transferred, the director of
29 financial management shall make a determination as to the proper
30 allocation and certify the same to the state agencies concerned.

31 (d) Any appropriations made in connection with the powers, duties,
32 and functions transferred by this act shall, on the effective date of
33 this section, be transferred and credited to Cascadia State University.

34 (3) All employees of Cascadia Community College are transferred to
35 the jurisdiction of Cascadia State University. All employees
36 classified under chapter 41.06 RCW, the state civil service law, are
37 assigned to Cascadia State University to perform their usual duties

1 upon the same terms as formerly, without any loss of rights, subject to
2 any action that may be appropriate thereafter in accordance with the
3 laws and rules governing state civil service.

4 (4) Nothing contained in this section may be construed to alter any
5 existing collective bargaining unit or the provisions of any existing
6 collective bargaining agreement until the agreement has expired or
7 until the bargaining unit has been modified by action of the public
8 employment relations commission as provided by law.

9 (5) All rules and all pending business before the board of trustees
10 of Cascadia Community College shall be continued and acted upon by the
11 board of trustees of Cascadia State University. All existing contracts
12 and obligations shall remain in full force and shall be performed by
13 Cascadia State University.

14 (6) The transfer of the powers, duties, functions, and personnel of
15 the board of trustees of Cascadia Community College shall not affect
16 the validity of any act performed before the effective date of this
17 section.

18 (7) If apportionments of budgeted funds are required because of the
19 transfers directed by this section, the director of financial
20 management shall certify the apportionments to the agencies affected,
21 the state auditor, and the state treasurer. Each of these shall make
22 the appropriate transfer and adjustments in funds and appropriation
23 accounts and equipment records in accordance with the certification.

24 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 14.** (1) The higher education coordinating board
25 shall convene a transition task force to identify other issues and
26 recommend solutions associated with the creation of Cascadia State
27 University, including legislation necessary to implement an orderly
28 transition.

29 (2) The task force must include representatives from the University
30 of Washington main campus and branch campus at Bothell, Cascadia
31 Community College, the state board for community and technical
32 colleges, the office of financial management, and the office of the
33 attorney general.

34 (3) The task force must address the following issues as well as
35 others identified by the task force:

36 (a) The phase-out of nonbaccalaureate programs, including the

1 possible transfer of associated supplies, equipment, faculty, and staff
2 to a local community college;

3 (b) The enrollment and admission status of students enrolled at the
4 University of Washington at Bothell or Cascadia Community College
5 during the transition and students' eligibility to complete degrees and
6 certificates;

7 (c) Appropriate levels of state general fund support and tuition
8 and fees for the new university, commensurate with its role and
9 mission; and

10 (d) Administrative and staffing efficiencies resulting from the
11 merger of two institutions into a single institution.

12 (4) The higher education coordinating board must submit a report
13 and recommendations from the task force, along with any proposed
14 legislation, to the higher education and fiscal committees of the
15 senate and house of representatives by December 15, 2004.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 15.** Sections 2, 3, and 5 through 13 of this act
17 take effect July 1, 2005.

18 **PART III**
19 **SOUTHWEST WASHINGTON**

20 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 16.** The legislature recognizes that southwest
21 Washington continues to be the fastest-growing region in the state and
22 is successfully attracting a wide array of corporations and businesses
23 vital to the future expansion of the economy of the region and the
24 entire state. In partnership, the branch campus of Washington State
25 University at Vancouver, Clark College, and Lower Columbia College have
26 successfully expanded educational opportunities for students and
27 created avenues for research and training to support the economy of the
28 region over the last decade. However, the legislature also recognizes
29 that southwest Washington is the largest urban area in the state
30 without access to an in-state, public four-year institution of higher
31 education. Therefore, the legislature finds it necessary to examine
32 thoroughly and objectively the prospect of creating additional
33 baccalaureate and graduate opportunities in Vancouver.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 17.** (1) The Washington state institute for
2 public policy shall conduct a feasibility study for the creation of
3 additional baccalaureate and graduate opportunities for public higher
4 education in Vancouver. The study must include the following analyses:

5 (a) A detailed regional analysis of student demand and
6 institutional supply of degree programs, including potential economic
7 development, and including consultation with community leaders;

8 (b) Consideration of alternative models for providing baccalaureate
9 and professional graduate education in the region, including expanding
10 the current partnerships between the branch campus of Washington State
11 University at Vancouver, Clark College, and Lower Columbia College;

12 (c) An examination of the possible role and mission of a
13 transitional comprehensive four-year university, including the
14 possibility of an innovative combination of instruction and research
15 suitable for meeting the region's needs for access to higher education
16 for recent high school graduates, placebound students, and transfer
17 students as well as support of the expansion of the region's economic
18 viability; and

19 (d) A comparison of short and long-term costs.

20 (2) The institute shall submit its findings from the feasibility
21 study to the higher education and fiscal committees of the senate and
22 house of representatives by December 15, 2004.

23 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 18.** The sum of ninety thousand dollars, or as
24 much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the state
25 general fund to the Washington state institute for public policy for
26 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2005, to carry out the purposes of
27 section 17 of this act.

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