

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL 1808**

Chapter 82, Laws of 2003

(partial veto)

58th Legislature  
2003 Regular Session

ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING DEGREE PROGRAMS

EFFECTIVE DATE: 7/27/03

Passed by the House March 15, 2003  
Yeas 95 Nays 0

FRANK CHOPP

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**Speaker of the House of Representatives**

Passed by the Senate April 9, 2003  
Yeas 29 Nays 17

BRAD OWEN

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**President of the Senate**

Approved April 21, 2003, with the  
exception of section 2, which is vetoed.

GARY F. LOCKE

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**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Cynthia Zehnder, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL 1808** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

CYNTHIA ZEHNDER

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**Chief Clerk**

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**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**

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

Read first time 02/11/2003.                      Referred to Committee on Higher Education.

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.

*\*Sec. 2 was vetoed. See message at end of chapter.*

Passed by the House March 15, 2003.

Passed by the Senate April 9, 2003.

Approved by the Governor April 21, 2003, with the exception of  
certain items that were vetoed.

Filed in Office of Secretary of State April 21, 2003.

Note: Governor's explanation of partial veto is as follows:

"I am returning herewith, without my approval, as to section 2,  
Engrossed House Bill No. 1808 entitled:

"An Act relating to establishing standards of review in order to  
change lines of instruction at research universities;"

This legislation allows any public university to apply to the Higher  
Education Coordinating Board to offer an electrical engineering  
degree.

Section 2 requires the Higher Education Coordinating Board to  
conduct an analysis of any proposed electrical engineering program  
using a variety of sources of information. Information reviewed  
must include: detailed evidence of student, employer and community  
demand for the program; the feasibility of using existing public or

private program capacity rather than opening a new program; and projected future enrollment. This section also requires that the Higher Education Coordinating Board submit its analysis to the higher education committees of the legislature before making a final decision regarding program approval.

I encourage the Higher Education Coordinating Board to follow the criteria set forth in section 2 of this bill. However, current statute already requires the Higher Education Coordinating Board to review and approve all proposals for new degree programs. Therefore, section 2 is not necessary.

For these reasons, I have vetoed section 2 of Engrossed House Bill No. 1808.

With the exception of section 2, Engrossed House Bill No. 1808 is approved."