

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 3113**

Chapter 179, Laws of 2006

59th Legislature  
2006 Regular Session

HIGHER EDUCATION FUNDING--SNOHOMISH, ISLAND, SKAGIT COUNTIES

EFFECTIVE DATE: 6/7/06 - Except section 1, which becomes effective 7/1/06.

Passed by the House February 9, 2006  
Yeas 90 Nays 8

FRANK CHOPP

**Speaker of the House of Representatives**

Passed by the Senate March 3, 2006  
Yeas 48 Nays 0

BRAD OWEN

**President of the Senate**

Approved March 23, 2006.

CHRISTINE GREGOIRE

**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Richard Nafziger, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 3113** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

RICHARD NAFZIGER

**Chief Clerk**

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March 23, 2006 - 10:17 a.m.

**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**

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**By** House Committee on Higher Education & Workforce Education  
(originally sponsored by Representatives Sells, Kenney, Strow, McCoy,  
Haler, Dunshee, B. Sullivan, Lovick, Roberts and Hasegawa)

READ FIRST TIME 02/02/06.

1            AN ACT Relating to expanding access to higher education in north  
2 Snohomish, Island, and Skagit counties using the university center  
3 model; creating new sections; and providing an effective date.

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

5            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.** (1) RCW 28B.50.901 assigns responsibility  
6 for the north Snohomish, Island, and Skagit counties higher education  
7 consortium to Everett Community College. Everett Community College  
8 submitted a report titled "Higher Education Opportunity in the NSIS  
9 Region" on December 1, 2005, to the appropriate committees of the  
10 legislature. The legislature accepts this report as representative of  
11 the needs for higher education in the North Snohomish, Island, and  
12 Skagit counties (NSIS) region. It is the intent of the legislature to  
13 support enrollment growth in the NSIS county regions of the state as  
14 represented in the report.

15            (2) The legislature finds that recent research by the state board  
16 for community and technical colleges indicates that the immediate needs  
17 of at least five hundred students are not being met in the NSIS region  
18 at the upper-division level.

1 (3) The legislature further finds that long-term unmet need in the  
2 Snohomish, Island, and Skagit county region is projected to reach four  
3 thousand one hundred forty-one upper-division full-time equivalents by  
4 the year 2025.

5 (4) Therefore, the legislature intends to provide funding for a  
6 minimum of two hundred fifty full-time equivalents at the upper-  
7 division and graduate levels for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2007.  
8 This funding shall be used to meet the higher education needs of the  
9 NSIS region.

10 (5) This funding shall be provided to support at least two hundred  
11 fifty full-time equivalents at the upper-division and graduate levels  
12 including but not limited to the following fields of study:  
13 Engineering, technology, nursing and health professions, environmental  
14 sciences, education, interdisciplinary studies, and other areas of  
15 study based on student and employer demand. These fields of study  
16 shall be offered using the university center model, centered on a  
17 community college campus with a single point of accountability, and  
18 hosted by the community colleges in Snohomish and Skagit counties.  
19 Enrollment in these fields shall begin no later than the fall term of  
20 2006.

21 (6) Everett Community College, with the assistance of Edmonds  
22 Community College, Skagit Valley College, and the universities  
23 participating in offering the enrollment subject to this section shall  
24 submit a report to the appropriate committees of the legislature by  
25 July 1, 2007. The report shall describe the number of enrollments and  
26 degrees produced as a result of the funding provided in this act, as  
27 well as the effect of those enrollments and degrees on local  
28 communities.

29 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** If specific funding for the purposes of this  
30 act, referencing this act by bill or chapter number, is not provided by  
31 June 30, 2006, in the omnibus appropriations act, this act is null and  
32 void.

33 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** Section 1 of this act takes effect July 1,  
34 2006.

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Passed by the Senate March 3, 2006.

Approved by the Governor March 23, 2006.

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