

**SB 6867 - DIGEST**

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Finds that Washington has long been one of the nations' premier centers for the medical device and biotechnology industries, but that the growth in life sciences jobs in the state has stagnated since 2002.

Finds that the state lags in investments in medical device and biotechnology manufacturing and has a relatively low supply of advanced degrees in the life sciences.

Declares an intent to identify weaknesses in the state's support for the life sciences and to craft a comprehensive strategy and implementation plan for growth in the life sciences sector of the state's economy.