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By Senators Marr, Brown

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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** DEFINITIONS. The definitions in this
4 section apply throughout this chapter unless the context clearly
5 requires otherwise.

6 (1) "Authority" means a health sciences and services authority
7 created pursuant to this chapter.

8 (2) "Board" means the governing board of trustees of an authority.

9 (3) "Director" means the director of the higher education
10 coordinating board.

11 (4) "Health sciences and services" means biosciences that advance
12 new therapies and procedures to combat disease and promote public
13 health.

14 (5) "Local government" means a city, town, or county.

15 (6) "Sponsoring local government" means a city, town, or county
16 that creates a health sciences and services authority.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** PURPOSE. The health sciences and services
18 program is created to promote bioscience-based economic development and
19 advance new therapies and procedures to combat disease and promote
20 public health.

21 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** CREATION. A local government must establish
22 by ordinance or resolution an authority. At a minimum, the ordinance
23 must:

24 (1) Specify the powers to be exercised by the authority;

25 (2) Reserve the local government's right to dissolve the authority
26 after its contractual responsibilities have expired;

27 (3) Establish an administrative board, including: (a) The number
28 of board members; (b) the times and terms of appointment for each board

1 position; (c) the amount of compensation, if any, to be paid to board
2 members; (d) the procedures for removing board members and filing
3 vacancies; and (e) the qualifications for the appointment of
4 individuals to the board;

5 (4) Establish the authority's boundaries, which must be contiguous
6 tracts of land;

7 (5) Ensure that private and public funds provided to the authority
8 will be segregated;

9 (6) Establish guidelines under which the authority may invest its
10 funds;

11 (7) Provide the requirements for auditing the records of the
12 authority; and

13 (8) Require the local government's legal counsel to also provide
14 legal services to the authority.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** APPLICATIONS. (1) The higher education
16 coordinating board may approve applications submitted by local
17 governments for an area's designation as a health sciences and services
18 authority under this chapter. The director shall determine the
19 division to review applications submitted by local governments under
20 this chapter. The application for designation shall be in the form and
21 manner and contain such information as the higher education
22 coordinating board may prescribe, provided the application shall:

23 (a) Contain sufficient information to enable the director to
24 determine the viability of the proposal;

25 (b) Demonstrate that an ordinance or resolution has been passed by
26 the legislative authority of a local government that delineates the
27 boundaries of an area that may be designated an authority;

28 (c) Be submitted on behalf of the local government, or, if that
29 office does not exist, by the legislative body of the local government;

30 (d) Demonstrate that the public funds directed to programs or
31 facilities in the authority will leverage private sector resources and
32 contributions to activities to be performed;

33 (e) Provide a plan or plans for the development of the authority as
34 an entity to advance as a cluster for health sciences education, health
35 sciences research, biotechnology development, biotechnology product
36 commercialization, and/or health care services; and

1 (f) Demonstrate that the state has previously provided funds to
2 health sciences and services programs or facilities in the applicant
3 city, town, or county.

4 (2) The director shall determine the division to develop criteria
5 to evaluate the application. The criteria shall include:

6 (a) The presence of infrastructure capable of spurring development
7 of the area as a center of health sciences and services;

8 (b) The presence of higher education facilities where undergraduate
9 or graduate coursework or research is conducted; and

10 (c) The presence of facilities in which health services are
11 provided.

12 (3) There shall be no more than one authority statewide.

13 (4) An authority may only be created in a county with a population
14 of less than one million persons.

15 (5) The director may reject or approve an application. When
16 denying an application, the director must specify the application's
17 deficiencies. The decision regarding such designation as it relates to
18 a specific local government is final; however, a rejected application
19 may be resubmitted.

20 (6) Applications are due December 31, 2007, and must be processed
21 within sixty days of submission.

22 (7) The director may, at his or her discretion, amend the
23 boundaries of an authority upon the request of the local government.

24 (8) The higher education coordinating board may adopt any rules
25 necessary to implement this act within one hundred twenty days of the
26 effective date of this section.

27 (9) The joint legislative audit and review committee shall conduct
28 an audit of the authority and report to the legislature by December 1,
29 2012. The report shall evaluate the effectiveness of the authority in
30 providing the advancement of new therapies and procedures to combat
31 disease and improve public health. The audit shall also look into
32 where and how funds have been spent and if the funds have effectively
33 executed the mission of the authority.

34 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** BOARD. (1) An authority shall be overseen
35 by a board with not more than fourteen members. The authority board
36 shall select the chair. Board members must have some experience with

1 the mission of the authority. The board members shall be appointed as
2 follows:

- 3 (a) The governor shall appoint three members;
- 4 (b) The county legislative authority in which the authority resides
5 shall appoint three members;
- 6 (c) The mayor of the city in which the authority is created, or the
7 mayor of the largest city within the authority if created by a county,
8 shall appoint three members; and
- 9 (d) Up to five additional members may be appointed by the board.

10 (2) A simple majority of the board members shall constitute a
11 quorum.

12 (3) The board shall annually elect a secretary and any other
13 officers it deems necessary.

14 (4) The local government shall designate an individual with
15 financial experience to serve as treasurer. The individual may be a
16 city or county treasurer, city or county auditor, or a private party.
17 If the treasurer is a private party, the local government shall require
18 a bond in an amount and under such terms and conditions as the local
19 government deems necessary to protect the authority. The treasurer
20 shall have the power to create and maintain funds, issue warrants, and
21 invest funds in its possession.

22 (5) The board may adopt bylaws or rules for their own governance.

23 (6) Meetings of the board shall be held in accordance with the open
24 public meetings act, chapter 42.30 RCW, and at the call of the chair or
25 when a majority of the board so requests. Meetings of the board may be
26 held at any location and board members may participate in a meeting of
27 the board by means of a conference telephone or similar communication
28 equipment under RCW 23B.08.200.

29 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** POWERS AND DUTIES. (1) The authority has
30 all the general powers necessary to carry out its purposes and duties
31 and to exercise its specific powers, including the authority may:

- 32 (a) Sue and be sued in its own name;
- 33 (b) Make and execute agreements, contracts, and other instruments,
34 with any public or private entity or person, in accordance with this
35 chapter;
- 36 (c) Employ, contract with, or engage independent counsel, financial

1 advisors, auditors, other technical or professional assistants, and
2 such other personnel as are necessary or desirable to implement this
3 chapter;

4 (d) Establish such special funds, and control deposits to and
5 disbursements from them, as it finds convenient for the implementation
6 of this chapter;

7 (e) Enter into contracts with public and private entities for
8 research to be conducted in this state;

9 (f) Delegate any of its powers and duties if consistent with the
10 purposes of this chapter;

11 (g) Exercise any other power reasonably required to implement the
12 purposes of this chapter; and

13 (h) Hire staff and pay administrative costs; however, such expenses
14 shall be paid from moneys provided by the sponsoring local government
15 and moneys received from gifts, grants, and bequests and the interest
16 earned on the authority's accounts and investments.

17 (2) In addition to other powers and duties prescribed in this
18 chapter, the authority is empowered to:

19 (a) Use the authority's public moneys, leveraging those moneys with
20 amounts received from other public and private sources in accordance
21 with contribution agreements, promote bioscience-based economic
22 development, and advance new therapies and procedures to combat disease
23 and promote public health;

24 (b) Solicit and receive gifts, grants, and bequests, and enter into
25 contribution agreements with private entities and public entities to
26 receive moneys in consideration of the authority's promise to leverage
27 those moneys with the revenue generated by the tax authorized under
28 section 11 of this act and contributions from other public entities and
29 private entities, in order to use those moneys to promote bioscience-
30 based economic development and advance new therapies and procedures to
31 combat disease and promote public health;

32 (c) Hold funds received by the authority in trust for their use
33 pursuant to this chapter to promote bioscience-based economic
34 development and advance new therapies and procedures to combat disease
35 and promote public health;

36 (d) Manage its funds, obligations, and investments as necessary and
37 consistent with its purpose, including the segregation of revenues into
38 separate funds and accounts;

1 (e) Make grants to entities pursuant to contract to promote
2 bioscience-based economic development and advance new therapies and
3 procedures to combat disease and promote public health. Grant
4 agreements shall specify the deliverables to be provided by the
5 recipient pursuant to the grant. Grants to private entities may only
6 be provided under a contractual agreement that ensures the state will
7 receive appropriate consideration, such as an assurance of job creation
8 or retention, or the delivery of services that provide for the public
9 health, safety, and welfare. The authority shall solicit requests for
10 funding and evaluate the requests by reference to factors such as: (i)
11 The quality of the proposed research; (ii) its potential to improve
12 health outcomes, with particular attention to the likelihood that it
13 will also lower health care costs, substitute for a more costly
14 diagnostic or treatment modality, or offer a breakthrough treatment for
15 a particular disease or condition; (iii) its potential to leverage
16 additional funding; (iv) its potential to provide health care benefits;
17 (v) its potential to stimulate employment; and (vi) evidence of public
18 and private collaboration;

19 (f) Create one or more advisory boards composed of scientists,
20 industrialists, and others familiar with health sciences and services;
21 and

22 (g) Adopt policies and procedures to facilitate the orderly process
23 of grant application, review, and reward.

24 (3) The records of the authority shall be subject to audit by the
25 office of the state auditor.

26 (4) The authority must apply for a Washington state quality award
27 within four years of its creation.

28 NEW SECTION. Sec. 7. GENERAL INDEBTEDNESS--GENERAL OBLIGATION
29 BONDS. (1) A local government that creates a health sciences and
30 services authority may incur general indebtedness, and issue general
31 obligation bonds, to finance the grants and other programs and retire
32 the indebtedness in whole or in part from the funds distributed
33 pursuant to section 11 of this act and subject to the following
34 requirements:

35 (a) The ordinance adopted by the local government creating the
36 authority and authorizing the use of the excise tax in section 11 of

1 this act indicates an intent to incur this indebtedness and the maximum
2 amount of this indebtedness that is contemplated; and

3 (b) The local government includes this statement of the intent in
4 all notices.

5 (2) The general indebtedness incurred under this section may be
6 payable from other tax revenues, the full faith and credit of the
7 sponsoring local government, and nontax income, revenues, fees, and
8 rents from the public improvements, as well as contributions, grants,
9 and nontax money available to the local government for payment of costs
10 of the grants and other programs or associated debt service on the
11 general indebtedness.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 8.** LIMITATION ON BONDS ISSUED. The bonds
13 issued by a local government under section 7 of this act shall not
14 constitute an obligation of the state of Washington, either general or
15 special.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 9.** LIABILITY. (1) Members of the board, as
17 well as other persons acting on behalf of the authority, while acting
18 within the scope of their employment or agency, shall not be subject to
19 personal liability resulting from their official duties conferred on
20 them under this chapter.

21 (2) The state, the local government that created the authority, and
22 the authority shall not be liable for any loss, damage, harm, or other
23 consequences resulting directly or indirectly from grants provided by
24 the authority or from programs, services, research, or other activities
25 funded with such grants.

26 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 10.** DISSOLUTION. The board may petition the
27 sponsoring local government to be dissolved upon a showing that it has
28 no reason to exist and that any assets it retains must be returned to
29 the state treasurer.

30 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 11.** A new section is added to chapter 82.14 RCW
31 to read as follows:

32 (1) The legislative authority of a local jurisdiction that has
33 created a health sciences and services authority under section 3 of
34 this act may impose a sales and use tax in accordance with the terms of

1 this chapter. The tax is in addition to other taxes authorized by law
2 and shall be collected from those persons who are taxable by the state
3 under chapters 82.08 and 82.12 RCW upon the occurrence of any taxable
4 event within the local jurisdiction. The rate of the tax shall not
5 exceed 0.015 percent of the selling price in the case of a sales tax or
6 the value of the article used in the case of a use tax.

7 (2) The tax imposed under subsection (1) of this section shall be
8 deducted from the amount of tax otherwise required to be collected or
9 paid over to the department under chapter 82.08 or 82.12 RCW. The
10 department of revenue shall perform the collection of the tax on behalf
11 of the authority at no cost to the authority.

12 (3) The amounts received under this section may only be used in
13 accordance with section 6 of this act or to finance and retire the
14 indebtedness incurred pursuant to section 7 of this act, in whole or in
15 part.

16 **Sec. 12.** RCW 42.56.270 and 2006 c 369 s 2, 2006 c 341 s 6, 2006 c
17 338 s 5, 2006 c 302 s 12, 2006 c 209 s 7, 2006 c 183 s 37, and 2006 c
18 171 s 8 are each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

19 The following financial, commercial, and proprietary information is
20 exempt from disclosure under this chapter:

21 (1) Valuable formulae, designs, drawings, computer source code or
22 object code, and research data obtained by any agency within five years
23 of the request for disclosure when disclosure would produce private
24 gain and public loss;

25 (2) Financial information supplied by or on behalf of a person,
26 firm, or corporation for the purpose of qualifying to submit a bid or
27 proposal for (a) a ferry system construction or repair contract as
28 required by RCW 47.60.680 through 47.60.750 or (b) highway construction
29 or improvement as required by RCW 47.28.070;

30 (3) Financial and commercial information and records supplied by
31 private persons pertaining to export services provided under chapters
32 43.163 and 53.31 RCW, and by persons pertaining to export projects
33 under RCW 43.23.035;

34 (4) Financial and commercial information and records supplied by
35 businesses or individuals during application for loans or program
36 services provided by chapters 15.110, 43.163, 43.160, 43.330, and

1 43.168 RCW, or during application for economic development loans or
2 program services provided by any local agency;

3 (5) Financial information, business plans, examination reports, and
4 any information produced or obtained in evaluating or examining a
5 business and industrial development corporation organized or seeking
6 certification under chapter 31.24 RCW;

7 (6) Financial and commercial information supplied to the state
8 investment board by any person when the information relates to the
9 investment of public trust or retirement funds and when disclosure
10 would result in loss to such funds or in private loss to the providers
11 of this information;

12 (7) Financial and valuable trade information under RCW 51.36.120;

13 (8) Financial, commercial, operations, and technical and research
14 information and data submitted to or obtained by the clean Washington
15 center in applications for, or delivery of, program services under
16 chapter 70.95H RCW;

17 (9) Financial and commercial information requested by the public
18 stadium authority from any person or organization that leases or uses
19 the stadium and exhibition center as defined in RCW 36.102.010;

20 (10)(a) Financial information, including but not limited to account
21 numbers and values, and other identification numbers supplied by or on
22 behalf of a person, firm, corporation, limited liability company,
23 partnership, or other entity related to an application for a horse
24 racing license submitted pursuant to RCW 67.16.260(1)(b), liquor
25 license, gambling license, or lottery retail license;

26 (b) Financial or proprietary information supplied to the liquor
27 control board including the amount of beer or wine sold by a domestic
28 winery, brewery, microbrewery, or certificate of approval holder under
29 RCW 66.24.206(1) or 66.24.270(2)(a) and including the amount of beer or
30 wine purchased by a retail licensee in connection with a retail
31 licensee's obligation under RCW 66.24.210 or 66.24.290, for receipt of
32 shipments of beer or wine.

33 (11) Proprietary data, trade secrets, or other information that
34 relates to: (a) A vendor's unique methods of conducting business; (b)
35 data unique to the product or services of the vendor; or (c)
36 determining prices or rates to be charged for services, submitted by
37 any vendor to the department of social and health services for purposes

1 of the development, acquisition, or implementation of state purchased
2 health care as defined in RCW 41.05.011;

3 (12)(a) When supplied to and in the records of the department of
4 community, trade, and economic development:

5 (i) Financial and proprietary information collected from any person
6 and provided to the department of community, trade, and economic
7 development pursuant to RCW 43.330.050(8) and 43.330.080(4); and

8 (ii) Financial or proprietary information collected from any person
9 and provided to the department of community, trade, and economic
10 development or the office of the governor in connection with the
11 siting, recruitment, expansion, retention, or relocation of that
12 person's business and until a siting decision is made, identifying
13 information of any person supplying information under this subsection
14 and the locations being considered for siting, relocation, or expansion
15 of a business;

16 (b) When developed by the department of community, trade, and
17 economic development based on information as described in (a)(i) of
18 this subsection, any work product is not exempt from disclosure;

19 (c) For the purposes of this subsection, "siting decision" means
20 the decision to acquire or not to acquire a site;

21 (d) If there is no written contact for a period of sixty days to
22 the department of community, trade, and economic development from a
23 person connected with siting, recruitment, expansion, retention, or
24 relocation of that person's business, information described in (a)(ii)
25 of this subsection will be available to the public under this chapter;

26 (13) Financial and proprietary information submitted to or obtained
27 by the department of ecology or the authority created under chapter
28 70.95N RCW to implement chapter 70.95N RCW;

29 (14) Financial, commercial, operations, and technical and research
30 information and data submitted to or obtained by the life sciences
31 discovery fund authority in applications for, or delivery of, grants
32 under chapter 43.350 RCW, to the extent that such information, if
33 revealed, would reasonably be expected to result in private loss to the
34 providers of this information;

35 (15) Financial and commercial information provided as evidence to
36 the department of licensing as required by RCW 19.112.110 or
37 19.112.120, except information disclosed in aggregate form that does

1 not permit the identification of information related to individual fuel
2 licensees;

3 (16) Any production records, mineral assessments, and trade secrets
4 submitted by a permit holder, mine operator, or landowner to the
5 department of natural resources under RCW 78.44.085; (~~and~~)

6 (17)(a) Farm plans developed by conservation districts, unless
7 permission to release the farm plan is granted by the landowner or
8 operator who requested the plan, or the farm plan is used for the
9 application or issuance of a permit(~~(-)~~);

10 (b) Farm plans developed under chapter 90.48 RCW and not under the
11 federal clean water act, 33 U.S.C. Sec. 1251 are subject to RCW
12 42.56.610 and 90.64.190; and

13 (18) Financial, commercial, operations, and technical and research
14 information and data submitted to or obtained by a health sciences and
15 services authority in applications for, or delivery of, grants under
16 sections 1 through 6 of this act, to the extent that such information,
17 if revealed, would reasonably be expected to result in private loss to
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13 providers of this information.

14 NEW SECTION. Sec. 14. CAPTIONS. Captions used in this act are
15 not any part of the law.

16 NEW SECTION. Sec. 15. SEVERABILITY. If any provision of this act
17 or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the
18 remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other
19 persons or circumstances is not affected.

20 NEW SECTION. Sec. 16. CODIFICATION. Sections 1 through 10 of
21 this act constitute a new chapter in Title 35 RCW.

22 NEW SECTION. Sec. 17. EXPIRATION DATE. Section 12 of this act
23 expires June 30, 2008.

24 NEW SECTION. Sec. 18. EFFECTIVE DATE. Section 13 of this act
25 takes effect June 30, 2008."

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1 On page 1, line 2 of the title, after "authorities;" strike the
2 remainder of the title and insert "reenacting and amending RCW
3 42.56.270 and 42.56.270; adding a new section to chapter 82.14 RCW;
4 adding a new chapter to Title 35 RCW; creating a new section; providing
5 an effective date; and providing an expiration date."

EFFECT: The credit against the state sales tax is increased from .0075 percent to .015 percent. The creation of a health sciences and services authority is limited to counties with less than one million persons. Technical changes are made to the sales tax credited against the state portion of the tax.

The Higher Education Coordinating Board is responsible for approval of an application to create a Health Sciences and Services Authority instead of CTED. The manner in which the board members are appointed are changed.

The provision requiring the HEC board to report to the legislature is replaced by a JLARC study and the authority shall apply for a Washington Quality Award.

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