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#### CERTIFICATE

I, Richard Nafziger, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SECOND SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1096** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

### Chief Clerk

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By House Committee on Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives Kenney, Priest, Quall, Wallace, Conway, Haler, Morris, Ormsby, Linville, Jarrett, Dickerson, Hunt, Walsh, P. Sullivan, Darneille, Appleton, Morrell, Williams, Dunn, Schual-Berke, Fromhold, Hasegawa, Chase, Upthegrove, McCoy, Green, O'Brien, Hudgins, Sells, Springer, Moeller, Goodman, Barlow, Eddy, Santos, Simpson, Haigh, Lantz, Kagi and Rolfes)

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AN ACT Relating to creating postsecondary opportunity programs; amending RCW 28B.50.030; adding new sections to chapter 28B.50 RCW; and creating new sections.

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

5 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 1. The legislature finds that:

6 (1) The economic trends of globalization and technological change 7 are increasing the demand for higher and differently skilled workers 8 than in the past;

9 (2) Increasing Washington's economic competitiveness requires 10 increasing the supply of skilled workers in the state;

(3) Improving the labor market competitiveness of all Washington residents requires that all residents have access to postsecondary education; and

(4) Community and technical college workforce training programs and Washington state apprenticeship and training council-approved apprenticeship programs provide effective and efficient pathways for people to enter high wage, high skill careers while also meeting the needs of the economy.

1	PART 1
2	OPPORTUNITY GRANT PROGRAM
3	NEW SECTION. Sec. 101. A new section is added to chapter 28B.50
4	RCW to read as follows:
5	(1) The college board shall develop and implement a workforce
6	education program known as the opportunity grant program to provide

7 financial and other assistance for students enrolled at qualified 8 institutions of higher education in opportunity grant-eligible programs 9 of study as described in section 201 of this act. Students enrolled in 10 the opportunity grant program are eligible for:

(a) Funding for tuition and mandatory fees at the public community and technical college rate, prorated if the credit load is less than full time, paid directly to the educational institution; and

(b) An additional one thousand dollars per academic year for books,
tools, and supplies, prorated if the credit load is less than full
time.

17 (2) Funding under subsection (1)(a) and (b) of this section is 18 limited to a maximum forty-five credits or the equivalent in an 19 opportunity grant-eligible program of study, including required related 20 courses. No student may receive opportunity grant funding for more 21 than forty-five credits or for more than three years from initial 22 receipt of grant funds in one or a combination of programs.

(3) Grants awarded under this section are subject to theavailability of amounts appropriated for this specific purpose.

25 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 102. A new section is added to chapter 28B.50
26 RCW to read as follows:

(1) To be eligible for participation in the opportunity grantprogram established in section 101 of this act, a student must:

(a) Be a Washington resident student as defined in RCW 28B.15.012
 enrolled in an opportunity grant-eligible program of study;

31 (b) Have a family income that is at or below two hundred percent of 32 the federal poverty level using the most current guidelines available 33 from the United States department of health and human services, and be 34 determined to have financial need based on the free application for 35 federal student aid; and

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(c) Meet such additional selection criteria as the college board

shall establish in order to operate the program within appropriated
 funding levels.

(2) Upon enrolling, the student must provide evidence of commitment 3 to complete the program. The student must make satisfactory progress 4 5 and maintain a cumulative 2.0 grade point average for continued eligibility. If a student's cumulative grade point average falls below б 7 2.0, the student may petition the institution of higher education of The qualified institution of higher education has the 8 attendance. authority to establish a probationary period until such time as the 9 10 student's grade point average reaches required standards.

(3) Subject to funds appropriated for this specific purpose, public 11 12 qualified institutions of higher education shall receive an enhancement 13 of one thousand five hundred dollars for each full-time equivalent 14 student enrolled in the opportunity grant program whose income is below two hundred percent of the federal poverty level. The funds shall be 15 16 used for individualized support services which may include, but are not 17 limited to, college and career advising, tutoring, emergency child care, and emergency transportation. The qualified institution of 18 higher education is expected to help students access all financial 19 20 resources and support services available to them through alternative 21 sources.

22 (4) The college board shall be accountable for student retention and completion of opportunity grant-eligible programs of study. 23 Ιt 24 shall set annual performance measures and targets and monitor the 25 performance at all qualified institutions of higher education. The college board must reduce funding at institutions of higher education 26 27 that do not meet targets for two consecutive years, based on criteria developed by the college board. 28

(5) The college board and higher education coordinating board shall work together to ensure that students participating in the opportunity grant program are informed of all other state and federal financial aid to which they may be entitled while receiving an opportunity grant.

33 (6) The college board and higher education coordinating board shall 34 document the amount of opportunity grant assistance and the types and 35 amounts of other sources of financial aid received by participating 36 students. Annually, they shall produce a summary of the data.

37 (7) The college board shall:

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(a) Begin developing the program no later than August 1, 2007, with
 student enrollment to begin no later than January 14, 2008; and

3 (b) Submit a progress report to the legislature by December 1,4 2008.

(8) The college board may, in implementing the opportunity grant 5 program, accept, use, and expend or dispose of contributions of money, 6 7 services, and property. All such moneys received by the college board for the program must be deposited in an account at a depository 8 approved by the state treasurer. Only the college board or a duly 9 10 authorized representative thereof may authorize expenditures from this account. In order to maintain an effective expenditure and revenue 11 12 control, the account is subject in all respects to chapter 43.88 RCW, 13 but no appropriation is required to permit expenditure of moneys in the 14 account.

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### PART 2

## **OPPORTUNITY PARTNERSHIPS**

<u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 201. A new section is added to chapter 28B.50
 RCW to read as follows:

19 The college board, in partnership with business, labor, and the 20 workforce training and education coordinating board, shall:

(1) Identify job specific training programs offered by qualified postsecondary institutions that lead to a credential, certificate, or degree in high demand occupations, which are occupations where data show that employer demand for workers exceeds the supply of qualified job applicants throughout the state or in a specific region, and where training capacity is underutilized;

(2) Gain recognition of the credentials, certificates, and degrees
by Washington's employers and labor organizations. The college board
shall designate these recognized credentials, certificates, and degrees
as "opportunity grant-eligible programs of study"; and

31 (3) Market the credentials, certificates, and degrees to potential 32 students, businesses, and apprenticeship programs as a way for 33 individuals to advance in their careers and to better meet the needs of 34 industry. <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 202. A new section is added to chapter 28B.50
 RCW to read as follows:

(1) Community and technical colleges shall partner with local 3 workforce development councils to develop the opportunity partnership 4 5 program. The opportunity partnership program may be newly developed or part of an existing program, and shall provide mentoring to students 6 7 participating in the opportunity grant program. The program must develop criteria and identify opportunity grant students who would 8 benefit by having a mentor. Each participating student shall be 9 10 matched with a business or labor mentor employed in the field in which the student is interested. The mentor shall help the student explore 11 12 careers and employment options through any combination of tours, 13 informational interviews, job shadowing, and internships.

14 (2) Subject to funds appropriated for this specific purpose, the 15 workforce training and education coordinating board shall create the 16 opportunity partnership program. The board, in partnership with 17 business, labor, and the college board, shall determine the criteria 18 for the distribution of funds.

(3) The board may, in implementing this section, accept, use, and 19 dispose of contributions of money, services, and property. All moneys 20 21 received by the board for the purposes of this section must be 22 deposited in a depository approved by the state treasurer. Only the board or a duly authorized representative thereof may authorize 23 24 expenditures from this account. In order to maintain an effective expenditure and revenue control, the account is subject in all respects 25 to chapter 43.88 RCW, but no appropriation is required to permit 26 27 expenditure of moneys in the account.

## PART 3

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### MISCELLANEOUS

30 **Sec. 301.** RCW 28B.50.030 and 2005 c 258 s 8 are each amended to 31 read as follows:

As used in this chapter, unless the context requires otherwise, the term:

(1) "System" shall mean the state system of community and technicalcolleges, which shall be a system of higher education.

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(2) "Board" shall mean the work force training and education
 coordinating board.

3 (3) "College board" shall mean the state board for community and4 technical colleges created by this chapter.

5 (4) "Director" shall mean the administrative director for the state 6 system of community and technical colleges.

7 (5) "District" shall mean any one of the community and technical8 college districts created by this chapter.

9 (6) "Board of trustees" shall mean the local community and 10 technical college board of trustees established for each college 11 district within the state.

12 (7) "Occupational education" shall mean that education or training 13 that will prepare a student for employment that does not require a 14 baccalaureate degree, and education and training leading to an applied 15 baccalaureate degree.

16 (8) "K-12 system" shall mean the public school program including 17 kindergarten through the twelfth grade.

18 (9) "Common school board" shall mean a public school district board 19 of directors.

20 (10) "Community college" shall include those higher education 21 institutions that conduct education programs under RCW 28B.50.020.

22 (11) "Technical college" shall include those higher education institutions with the sole mission of conducting occupational 23 education, basic skills, literacy programs, and offering on short 24 25 notice, when appropriate, programs that meet specific industry needs. The programs of technical colleges shall include, but not be limited 26 27 to, continuous enrollment, competency-based instruction, industryexperienced faculty, curriculum integrating vocational and basic skills 28 education, and curriculum approved by representatives of employers and 29 labor. For purposes of this chapter, technical colleges shall include 30 31 Lake Washington Vocational-Technical Institute, Renton Vocational-32 Technical Institute, Bates Vocational-Technical Institute, Clover Park Vocational Institute, and Bellingham Vocational-Technical Institute. 33

34 (12) "Adult education" shall mean all education or instruction, 35 including academic, vocational education or training, basic skills and 36 literacy training, and "occupational education" provided by public 37 educational institutions, including common school districts for persons 38 who are eighteen years of age and over or who hold a high school diploma or certificate. However, "adult education" shall not include academic education or instruction for persons under twenty-one years of age who do not hold a high school degree or diploma and who are attending a public high school for the sole purpose of obtaining a high school diploma or certificate, nor shall "adult education" include education or instruction provided by any four year public institution of higher education.

8 (13) "Dislocated forest product worker" shall mean a forest products worker who: (a)(i) Has been terminated or received notice of 9 10 termination from employment and is unlikely to return to employment in the individual's principal occupation or previous industry because of 11 a diminishing demand for his or her skills in that occupation or 12 13 industry; or (ii) is self-employed and has been displaced from his or 14 her business because of the diminishing demand for the business' services or goods; and (b) at the time of last separation from 15 employment, resided in or was employed in a rural natural resources 16 17 impact area.

(14) "Forest products worker" shall mean a worker in the forest 18 products industries affected by the reduction of 19 forest fiber enhancement, transportation, or production. The workers included 20 21 within this definition shall be determined by the employment security 22 department, but shall include workers employed in the industries assigned the major group standard industrial classification codes "24" 23 and "26" and the industries involved in the harvesting and management 24 25 of logs, transportation of logs and wood products, processing of wood products, and the manufacturing and distribution of wood processing and 26 27 logging equipment. The commissioner may adopt rules further interpreting these definitions. For the purposes of this subsection, 28 "standard industrial classification code" means the code identified in 29 RCW 50.29.025(3). 30

(15) "Dislocated salmon fishing worker" means a finfish products worker who: (a)(i) Has been terminated or received notice of termination from employment and is unlikely to return to employment in the individual's principal occupation or previous industry because of a diminishing demand for his or her skills in that occupation or industry; or (ii) is self-employed and has been displaced from his or her business because of the diminishing demand for the business's

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services or goods; and (b) at the time of last separation from employment, resided in or was employed in a rural natural resources impact area.

4 (16) "Salmon fishing worker" means a worker in the finfish industry 5 affected by 1994 or future salmon disasters. The workers included 6 within this definition shall be determined by the employment security 7 department, but shall include workers employed in the industries 8 involved in the commercial and recreational harvesting of finfish 9 including buying and processing finfish. The commissioner may adopt 10 rules further interpreting these definitions.

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(17) "Rural natural resources impact area" means:

12 (a) A nonmetropolitan county, as defined by the 1990 decennial 13 census, that meets three of the five criteria set forth in subsection 14 (18) of this section;

(b) A nonmetropolitan county with a population of less than forty thousand in the 1990 decennial census, that meets two of the five criteria as set forth in subsection (18) of this section; or

(c) A nonurbanized area, as defined by the 1990 decennial census,
that is located in a metropolitan county that meets three of the five
criteria set forth in subsection (18) of this section.

21 (18) For the purposes of designating rural natural resources impact 22 areas, the following criteria shall be considered:

(a) A lumber and wood products employment location quotient at orabove the state average;

(b) A commercial salmon fishing employment location quotient at orabove the state average;

(c) Projected or actual direct lumber and wood products job lossesof one hundred positions or more;

(d) Projected or actual direct commercial salmon fishing job lossesof one hundred positions or more; and

(e) An unemployment rate twenty percent or more above the state 31 32 average. The counties that meet these criteria shall be determined by the employment security department for the most recent year for which 33 data is available. For the purposes of administration of programs 34 under this chapter, the United States post office five-digit zip code 35 delivery areas will be used to determine residence status for 36 37 eligibility purposes. For the purpose of this definition, a zip code 38 delivery area of which any part is ten miles or more from an urbanized area is considered nonurbanized. A zip code totally surrounded by zip codes qualifying as nonurbanized under this definition is also considered nonurbanized. The office of financial management shall make available a zip code listing of the areas to all agencies and organizations providing services under this chapter.

6 (19) "Applied baccalaureate degree" means a baccalaureate degree 7 awarded by a college under RCW 28B.50.810 for successful completion of 8 a program of study that is:

9 (a) Specifically designed for individuals who hold an associate of 10 applied science degree, or its equivalent, in order to maximize 11 application of their technical course credits toward the baccalaureate 12 degree; and

(b) Based on a curriculum that incorporates both theoretical andapplied knowledge and skills in a specific technical field.

15 (20) "Qualified institutions of higher education" means:

16 (a) Washington public community and technical colleges;

17 (b) Private career schools that are members of an accrediting 18 association recognized by rule of the higher education coordinating 19 board for the purposes of chapter 28B.92 RCW; and

20 (c) Washington state apprenticeship and training council-approved
21 apprenticeship programs.

22 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 302. Part headings used in this act are not any 23 part of the law.

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