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I, Thomas Hoemann, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SENATE BILL 5613** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

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State of Washington60th Legislature2007 Regular SessionBy Senators Kilmer, Kastama, Kauffman, Shin, Delvin, Brown and
McAuliffe

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1 AN ACT Relating to entrepreneurial training opportunities; and 2 amending RCW 28C.18.060.

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

4 Sec. 1. RCW 28C.18.060 and 1996 c 99 s 4 are each amended to read 5 as follows:

6 The board, in cooperation with the operating agencies of the state 7 training system and private career schools and colleges, shall:

8 (1) Concentrate its major efforts on planning, coordination 9 evaluation, policy analysis, and recommending improvements to the 10 state's training system.

11 (2) Advocate for the state training system and for meeting the 12 needs of employers and the work force for work force education and 13 training.

14 (3) Establish and maintain an inventory of the programs of the 15 state training system, and related state programs, and perform a 16 biennial assessment of the vocational education, training, and adult 17 basic education and literacy needs of the state; identify ongoing and 18 strategic education needs; and assess the extent to which employment, 1 training, vocational and basic education, rehabilitation services, and 2 public assistance services represent a consistent, integrated approach 3 to meet such needs.

(4) Develop and maintain a state comprehensive plan for work force 4 5 training and education, including but not limited to, goals, objectives, and priorities for the state training system, and review 6 7 the state training system for consistency with the state comprehensive In developing the state comprehensive plan for work force 8 plan. training and education, the board shall use, but shall not be limited 9 Economic, labor market, and populations trends reports in office 10 to: of financial management forecasts; joint office of financial management 11 and employment security department labor force, industry employment, 12 13 and occupational forecasts; the results of scientifically based outcome, net-impact and cost-benefit evaluations; the needs 14 of employers as evidenced in formal employer surveys and other employer 15 16 input; and the needs of program participants and workers as evidenced 17 in formal surveys and other input from program participants and the labor community. 18

19 (5) In consultation with the higher education coordinating board, 20 review and make recommendations to the office of financial management 21 and the legislature on operating and capital facilities budget requests 22 for operating agencies of the state training system for purposes of 23 consistency with the state comprehensive plan for work force training 24 and education.

(6) Provide for coordination among the different operating agencies and components of the state training system at the state level and at the regional level.

(7) Develop a consistent and reliable data base on vocational
education enrollments, costs, program activities, and job placements
from publicly funded vocational education programs in this state.

(8) Establish standards for data collection and maintenance for the operating agencies of the state training system in a format that is accessible to use by the board. The board shall require a minimum of common core data to be collected by each operating agency of the state training system.

The board shall develop requirements for minimum common core data in consultation with the office of financial management and the operating agencies of the training system.

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1 (9) Establish minimum standards for program evaluation for the 2 operating agencies of the state training system, including, but not 3 limited to, the use of common survey instruments and procedures for 4 measuring perceptions of program participants and employers of program 5 participants, and monitor such program evaluation.

6 (10) Every two years administer scientifically based outcome 7 evaluations of the state training system, including, but not limited 8 to, surveys of program participants, surveys of employers of program 9 participants, and matches with employment security department payroll 10 and wage files. Every five years administer scientifically based net-11 impact and cost-benefit evaluations of the state training system.

12 (11) In cooperation with the employment security department, 13 provide for the improvement and maintenance of quality and utility in occupational information and forecasts for use in training system 14 planning and evaluation. Improvements shall include, but not be 15 limited to, development of state-based occupational change factors 16 17 involving input by employers and employees, and delineation of skill and training requirements by education level associated with current 18 and forecasted occupations. 19

(12) Provide for the development of common course description
formats, common reporting requirements, and common definitions for
operating agencies of the training system.

(13) Provide for effectiveness and efficiency reviews of the statetraining system.

(14) In cooperation with the higher education coordinating board, facilitate transfer of credit policies and agreements between institutions of the state training system, and encourage articulation agreements for programs encompassing two years of secondary work force education and two years of postsecondary work force education.

(15) In cooperation with the higher education coordinating board,
facilitate transfer of credit policies and agreements between private
training institutions and institutions of the state training system.

(16) ((Participate in the development of)) Develop policy objectives for the work force investment act, P.L. 105-220, or its successor; develop coordination criteria for activities under the ((job training partnership)) act with related programs and services provided by state and local education and training agencies; and ensure that

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<u>entrepreneurial training opportunities are available through programs</u>
of each local work force investment board in the state.

(17) Make recommendations to the commission of student assessment, 3 the state board of education, and the superintendent of public 4 instruction, concerning basic skill competencies and essential core 5 competencies for K-12 education. Basic skills for this purpose shall 6 7 be reading, writing, computation, speaking, and critical thinking, essential core competencies for this purpose shall be English, math, 8 science/technology, history, geography, and critical thinking. 9 The 10 board shall monitor the development of and provide advice concerning secondary curriculum which integrates vocational 11 and academic 12 education.

(18) Establish and administer programs for marketing and outreachto businesses and potential program participants.

(19) Facilitate the location of support services, including but not limited to, child care, financial aid, career counseling, and job placement services, for students and trainees at institutions in the state training system, and advocate for support services for trainees and students in the state training system.

(20) Facilitate private sector assistance for the state training
system, including but not limited to: Financial assistance, rotation
of private and public personnel, and vocational counseling.

(21) Facilitate <u>the development of</u> programs for school-to-work
transition that combine classroom education and on-the-job training,
<u>including entrepreneurial education and training</u>, in industries and
occupations without a significant number of apprenticeship programs.

(22) Include in the planning requirements for local work force investment boards a requirement that the local work force investment boards specify how entrepreneurial training is to be offered through the one-stop system required under the work force investment act, P.L. 105-220, or its successor.

32 (23) Encourage and assess progress for the equitable representation 33 of racial and ethnic minorities, women, and people with disabilities 34 among the students, teachers, and administrators of the state training 35 system. Equitable, for this purpose, shall mean substantially 36 proportional to their percentage of the state population in the 37 geographic area served. This function of the board shall in no way lessen more stringent state or federal requirements for representation
of racial and ethnic minorities, women, and people with disabilities.

3 (((-23))) (24) Participate in the planning and policy development of
4 governor set-aside grants under P.L. 97-300, as amended.

5 (((24))) <u>(25)</u> Administer veterans' programs, licensure of private 6 vocational schools, the job skills program, and the Washington award 7 for vocational excellence.

8 (((25))) <u>(26)</u> Allocate funding from the state job training trust 9 fund.

10 (((26))) <u>(27)</u> Work with the director of community, trade, and 11 economic development to ensure coordination between work force training 12 priorities and that department's economic development <u>and</u> 13 <u>entrepreneurial development</u> efforts.

14 (((27))) <u>(28)</u> Adopt rules as necessary to implement this chapter.

15 The board may delegate to the director any of the functions of this 16 section.

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