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**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5177**

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**By** Senate Higher Education & Workforce Development (originally sponsored by Senators Shin, Delvin, Kastama, King, Rockefeller, McAuliffe, Pridemore, Hobbs, Fraser, McDermott, Jarrett, Kilmer, Keiser, Hatfield, and Roach)

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1 AN ACT Relating to establishing a global Asia institute; adding a  
2 new section to chapter 28B.20 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that Asia and its  
5 interactions with the rest of the world are transforming the way the  
6 world works in the twenty-first century. The legislature further finds  
7 that trade, finance, technology, and global influence and institutions  
8 are all areas in which China, India, and other Asian states are in the  
9 process of reshaping the nature of the international system, and that  
10 Washington state is uniquely situated to contribute to enhance  
11 interactions between the United States and Asia. The legislature  
12 intends to establish a global Asia institute at the University of  
13 Washington.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 28B.20 RCW  
15 to read as follows:

16 (1) A global Asia institute is created within the Henry M. Jackson  
17 School of International Studies. The mission of the institute is to  
18 promote the understanding of Asia and its interactions with Washington

1 state and the world. The institute shall host visiting scholars and  
2 policymakers, sponsor programs and learning initiatives, engage in  
3 collaborative research projects, and facilitate broader understanding  
4 and cooperation between the state of Washington and Asia through  
5 general public programs and targeted collaborations with specific  
6 communities in the state.

7 (2) The higher education coordinating board may solicit, accept,  
8 receive, and administer federal funds or private funds, in trust or  
9 otherwise, and contract with foundations or with for-profit or  
10 nonprofit organizations to support the purposes of this section.

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