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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; creating a new section; and making
3 an appropriation.

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

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

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

17 A global Asia institute is created within the Henry M. Jackson
18 School of International Studies. The mission of the institute is to

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

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The sum of two million dollars, or as much
9 thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for the fiscal year ending
10 June 30, 2010, from the general fund to the higher education
11 coordinating board for the purposes of this act.

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