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SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5663

State of Washington 69th Legislature 2025 Regular Session

By Senate Higher Education & Workforce Development (originally sponsored by Senators Slatter, Nobles, Frame, Lovick, and Valdez)

READ FIRST TIME 02/18/25.

- 1 AN ACT Relating to entirely online course offerings at community
- 2 and technical colleges; and adding a new section to chapter 28B.50
- 3 RCW.
- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
- 5 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 28B.50 6 RCW to read as follows:
- 7 (1) Community and technical colleges may distribute information 8 on their respective colleges outside of their district when it 9 pertains to entirely online course offerings. Information provided by
- 10 community and technical colleges may include unsolicited course and
- 11 enrollment information. In providing this information, community and
- 12 technical colleges may use, but are not limited to: Digita
- 13 advertising, email, direct mail, newspaper advertisements, newspaper
- 14 inserts, and other methods of mass distribution to those outside of a
- 15 college district.
- 16 (2) Community and technical colleges may prioritize and make
- 17 known to the citizens of its district courses and programs offered
- 18 exclusively by neighboring districts.

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1 (3) Community and technical colleges may not compete with each other or with other institutions of higher education for enrollment.

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