

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 8425

56th Legislature  
2000 Regular Session

Passed by the Senate March 9, 2000  
YEAS 44 NAYS 0

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President of the Senate

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YEAS 98 NAYS 0

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Speaker of the  
House of Representatives

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House of Representatives

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Governor of the State of Washington

CERTIFICATE

I, Tony M. Cook, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 8425** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

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AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE

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By Senate Committee on Higher Education (originally sponsored by Senators Kohl-Welles and Sheahan; by request of Higher Education Coordinating Board)

Read first time 02/04/2000.

1       WHEREAS, Chapter 370, Laws of 1985, created the Washington Higher  
2 Education Coordinating Board to plan, coordinate, and provide policy  
3 analysis for higher education and to represent the broad public  
4 interest above the interests of individual colleges and universities;  
5 and

6       WHEREAS, Section 4, chapter 370, Laws of 1985, requires the board  
7 to prepare and update a master plan for higher education and requires  
8 the Legislature, by concurrent resolution, to "approve or recommend  
9 changes" to the master plan and its subsequent updates; and

10       WHEREAS, The provisions of the master plan that are approved by the  
11 Legislature become state higher education policy unless legislation is  
12 subsequently enacted to revise those policies; and

13       WHEREAS, The Washington Higher Education Coordinating Board  
14 submitted the initial master plan to the Legislature in December 1987,  
15 and submitted updates to the plan in December 1992, January 1996, and  
16 January 2000; and

17       WHEREAS, During the process used to develop the 2000 master plan,  
18 the board consulted with students and families, educators, business,  
19 labor, and civic organizations representing a cross-section of  
20 Washington citizens; and

1       WHEREAS, The board learned that the need and expectation for higher  
2 education among Washington citizens will continue to grow through the  
3 next decade, because of population increases as well as the demands of  
4 the state's increasingly technology-based economy; and

5       WHEREAS, The board identified the challenge of meeting future  
6 demand for college education should a greater proportion of Washington  
7 citizens seek upper division and graduate level study by the year 2010;  
8 and

9       WHEREAS, The board spelled out its commitment to continuing to  
10 expand enrollment opportunities for Washington students, to keep public  
11 higher education affordable for students and families, and to provide  
12 financial assistance to those who cannot otherwise afford to go to  
13 college; and

14       WHEREAS, The board identified five specific goals for the state to  
15 address higher education needs in the next ten years:

16       (1) Making student learning the yardstick by which institutional  
17 accountability, effectiveness, and efficiency is measured;

18       (2) Linking students' participation in higher education to their  
19 achievement in the K-12 grades;

20       (3) Providing the information citizens need to make the best use of  
21 the learning pathways available to them;

22       (4) Enhancing higher education opportunity through greater use of  
23 e-learning technologies and by increasingly efficient use of public  
24 facilities; and

25       (5) Helping colleges and universities meet student needs and  
26 compete in an increasingly competitive and complex education  
27 marketplace; and

28       WHEREAS, The board challenged itself, students, and families, the  
29 public and private institutions, the private sector, and the state to  
30 each accept its individual responsibilities and to collaborate in the  
31 development of solutions; and

32       WHEREAS, The board described an implementation plan to guide the  
33 state's response to the needs of higher education and to estimate the  
34 costs of the strategies, including the necessity to develop an  
35 enrollment accommodation plan that identifies where capacity exists and  
36 what the highest priorities should be;

37       NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Senate of the State of  
38 Washington, the House of Representatives concurring, That the  
39 Washington Higher Education Coordinating Board be commended for its

1 dedication and commitment to the State of Washington in producing the  
2 2000 update of the master plan for higher education titled "The 21st  
3 Century Learner"; and

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Legislature thank the board for  
5 describing many of the challenges facing the state in its attempts to  
6 provide the postsecondary education and training our citizens need to  
7 fulfill their personal goals and participate fully in the world of the  
8 twenty-first century; and

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Legislature reaffirm its  
10 commitment to create postsecondary opportunities in response to  
11 documented demand from citizens for access to high-quality education  
12 and training programs; and

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the board reexamine its assumptions  
14 with regard to projected upper division and graduate enrollments, and  
15 that the plan reexamine the role of the community and technical  
16 colleges in meeting the postsecondary needs of a significant portion of  
17 Washington's population; and

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the board reexamine its assumptions  
19 with regard to the capital needs of the community and technical  
20 colleges and the four-year institutions of higher education, including  
21 their branch campuses; and

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the board, in consultation with the  
23 office of financial management, work collaboratively with the public  
24 and independent two-year and four-year universities, private vocational  
25 schools, and appropriate legislative committees, to prepare an  
26 enrollment accommodation plan, contemplate various growth scenarios,  
27 identify related operational and capital needs, and examine  
28 alternatives to address the identified budget needs; and

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the board communicate regularly with  
30 the appropriate legislative committees and the governor regarding the  
31 assigned tasks and report back with its results and findings before  
32 proceeding with the development of its biennial budget recommendations;  
33 and

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Legislature approve the following  
35 recommendations of the 2000 update of the master plan:

36 (1) The goal that, by the year 2010, Washington's system of  
37 postsecondary education needs to provide opportunities for additional  
38 students to enroll in high-quality education and training programs;

1 (2) That solutions to the challenge may be found in strategies that  
2 (a) make student learning the yardstick by which institutional  
3 accountability, effectiveness, and efficiency is measured; and (b) link  
4 students' participation in higher education to their achievement in the  
5 K-12 grades;

6 (3) Provide the information citizens need to make the best use of  
7 the learning pathways available to them, and support outreach efforts  
8 designed to ensure that the higher education system reflects the  
9 diversity of the state's population;

10 (4) Expand the use of e-learning technologies and use public  
11 facilities to the fullest extent possible; and

12 (5) Help colleges and universities meet student needs and compete  
13 in an increasingly competitive and complex education marketplace; and

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the board proceed with implementation  
15 of the 2000 update of the master plan; and

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the board proceed with the  
17 implementation of the 2000 update of the master plan as described in  
18 "The 21st Century Learner" and modified by this resolution, and report  
19 to the 2001 Legislature on progress toward implementing its strategies.

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