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CHRISTINE GREGOIRE

Governor of the State of Washington

CERTIFICATE

I, Thomas Hoemann, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **ENGROSSED SECOND SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6015** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

THOMAS HOEMANN

Secretary

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**Secretary of State
State of Washington**

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By Senate Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Murray, Delvin, and Marr)

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1 AN ACT Relating to directing the department of community, trade,
2 and economic development to review commercialization and innovation in
3 the life sciences and technology sectors; and creating new sections.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) Washington state is fortunate to have a
6 dynamic technology industry sector that benefits from vibrant global
7 demand for its output and that helps drive the state's economy.
8 Washington state is uniquely positioned to shape its future success in
9 innovation in the technology sectors of life sciences and high
10 technology. Nearly every state in the nation is competing to develop
11 a strong innovation economy. Washington has world-class research
12 institutions, entrepreneurial spirit and talent, an actively
13 collaborative community, and an existing foundational sector.

14 (2) To leverage its potential, the state must actively work to
15 create and ensure a supportive environment that enables entrepreneurial
16 people and companies to convert their innovative ideas into marketable
17 new products and services. Providing such an environment would:
18 Solidify Washington state as a global leader of knowledge and
19 technology commercialization; create more highly rewarding and well-

1 paying careers for Washington's citizens; grow more companies in new
2 and far-reaching markets; renew traditional industries through value-
3 added technology adaptation; and generate solid returns for Washington
4 state.

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) By December 1, 2009, the department of
6 community, trade, and economic development shall report to the governor
7 and the legislature on how the state can best encourage and support the
8 growth of innovation in the development and commercialization of
9 proprietary technology in the life sciences and information technology
10 industries.

11 (2) In consultation with life sciences trade and technology trade
12 associations, the department shall:

13 (a) Investigate and recommend strategies to increase the amount of
14 local or regional capital targeted to preseed, seed, and other early
15 stage investments in life sciences and information technology
16 companies;

17 (b) Examine state laws, rules, appropriations, and taxes related to
18 life sciences and information technology, identify barriers, and
19 recommend alternatives that will support growth of these industries;

20 (c) Evaluate the state's technology-based economic development
21 efforts and recommend any additional infrastructure needed to assist
22 companies at each stage of the business life cycle; and

23 (d) Review the status of technology transfer and commercialization
24 efforts by the state's public research universities.

25 (3) The department shall provide a draft report of its findings and
26 recommendations to the Washington state economic development
27 commission. The commission shall compare the recommendations in the
28 draft report to the overall direction and strategies related to life
29 sciences and information technology adopted in the state's
30 comprehensive economic development plan. The commission shall provide
31 written observations to the department on areas of alignment or
32 nonalignment between the report and the plan. The final report shall
33 include the commission's observations and shall reflect any changes
34 made to the report by the department in response to the commission's
35 comments.

36 (4) For purposes of the report: (a) "Life sciences" must include
37 but is not limited to: Medical devices and biotechnology as defined in

1 RCW 82.63.010; and (b) "information technology" must include but is not
2 limited to: Hardware, software, and internet infrastructure, that
3 address high potential emerging and growing markets.

4 (5) From the funds appropriated for the purposes of this section,
5 the money available for expenditure may not exceed the amount matched
6 dollar-for-dollar by cash or in-kind contributions from nonstate
7 sources.

8 (6) This section expires December 31, 2009.

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