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President of the Senate

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FRANK CHOPP

Speaker of the House of Representatives

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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 **SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6706** 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 Economic Development, Trade & Innovation (originally sponsored by Senators Murray, Delvin, Kastama, Shin, Marr, Kilmer, and Kohl-Welles)

READ FIRST TIME 02/03/10.

1 AN ACT Relating to commercialization of research at state
2 universities; and adding new sections to chapter 28B.10 RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 28B.10 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) It is the intent of the legislature that state universities
7 engage in the commercialization of research and other economic
8 development and workforce development activities that benefit the
9 intermediate and long-term economic vitality of Washington. State
10 universities are expected to develop and strengthen university-industry
11 relationships through the conduct of research, the support of company
12 formation and job generation, and collaborative training. The state
13 universities, using a collaborative process that may include both in-
14 house resources and independent contractors with necessary technical
15 expertise or innovative processes, must perform one or more of the
16 following functions:

17 (a) Provide collaborative research and technology transfer
18 opportunities;

1 (b) Publicize their commercialization processes and include an
2 explanation of how to access commercialization resources at the
3 universities;

4 (c) Develop mechanisms for pairing researchers, entrepreneurs, and
5 investors. Such mechanisms are to include, but are not limited to,
6 developing guides, web sites, or workshops on funding opportunities, on
7 entrepreneurship and the process of starting a company, and on
8 university-industry relations;

9 (d) Host events to connect researchers to entrepreneurs, investors,
10 and individuals from the state's technology-based industries; and

11 (e) Provide opportunities for training undergraduate and graduate
12 students through direct involvement in research and industry
13 interactions.

14 (2) In carrying out the functions in this section, the universities
15 may work with and through the higher education coordinating board.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 28B.10 RCW
17 to read as follows:

18 To support the formation of companies created around the
19 technologies developed at state universities, the state universities
20 are authorized to establish and administer bridge-funding programs for
21 start-up companies using funds from the federal government and the
22 private sector.

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