
HOUSE BILL 2184

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1 AN ACT Relating to higher education facilities; adding a new
2 section to chapter 43.41 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that there is a
5 significant backlog of preservation projects needed to maintain the
6 usefulness of buildings and protect the health and safety of students,
7 faculty, and the public. The legislature also finds that facility
8 inventory and condition data is independently produced and maintained
9 by each higher education institution. A 2002 legislative study
10 indicates that this independent data can be translated and calibrated
11 to a standard statewide data base while maintaining the individuality
12 of the institutions. Uniform and comprehensive facility inventory and
13 condition data will enable institutions and the legislature to
14 prioritize projects to reduce the preservation backlog and to prevent
15 the backlog from increasing. It will also enable the legislature to
16 better consider mission, access, and program considerations related to
17 preservation of facilities.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 43.41 RCW
2 to read as follows:

3 (1) The office, in consultation with the higher education
4 coordinating board and higher education institutions, shall establish
5 and maintain a system to collect and assemble existing facility data at
6 the various institutions and translate this information into a
7 comparable framework to create a statewide uniform building inventory
8 and condition system. This process must seek to minimize the needed
9 changes to current systems at the individual institutions.

10 (2) The office and the higher education coordinating board shall
11 report to the legislature each December on progress made in
12 establishing the inventory and condition system under subsection (1) of
13 this section, and progress made in addressing the preservation backlog.
14 The office shall add infrastructure to the system and incorporate
15 program suitability in prioritizing preservation projects as soon as
16 feasible.

17 (3) The joint legislative audit and review committee and the
18 legislative evaluation and accountability program committee shall, upon
19 request, provide technical and system design assistance.

20 (4) The office may allow for possible expansion of this detailed
21 uniform statewide facility inventory and condition system for higher
22 education to other areas of state government.

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