

SSB 5172 - H COMM AMD
By Committee on Higher Education

NOT CONSIDERED 04/14/2009

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 28B.20
4 RCW to read as follows:

5 (1) A University of Washington center for human rights is created.
6 The mission of the center is to expand opportunities for Washington
7 residents to receive a world-class education in human rights, generate
8 research data and expert knowledge to enhance public and private
9 policymaking, and become an academic center for human rights teaching
10 and research in the nation. The center shall align with the founding
11 principles and philosophies of the United States of America and engage
12 faculty, staff, and students in service to enhance the promise of life
13 and liberty as outlined in the Preamble of the United States
14 Constitution. Key substantive issues for the center include: The
15 rights of all persons to security against violence; the rights of
16 immigrants, native Americans, and ethnic or religious minorities; human
17 rights and the environment; health as a human right; human rights and
18 trade; the human rights of working people; and women's rights as human
19 rights.

20 (2) The higher education coordinating board may solicit, accept,
21 receive, and administer federal funds or private funds, in trust or
22 otherwise, and contract with foundations or with for-profit or
23 nonprofit organizations to support the purposes of this section.

24 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The University of Washington center for
25 human rights shall report to the appropriate committees of the
26 legislature by December 1, 2010, and biennially thereafter regarding
27 the center's activities. The report shall include, but not be limited
28 to, descriptions of the center's activities and accomplishments
29 especially as they relate to: International human rights issues and

1 community service; documentation of measurable accomplishments in
2 improving outcomes in the issue areas outlined in section 1 of this
3 act; and documentation of engagement with agencies and nongovernmental
4 organizations outside of the University of Washington."

5 Correct the title.

EFFECT: Retains all provisions of the underlying bill and requires the Center to report by December 1, 2010, and biennially thereafter on the Center's accomplishments. Stipulates that the Center for Human Rights align with the founding principles of the United States and that the Center engage in service to enhance the promises outlined in the Preamble of the United States Constitution.

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