



STATE OF WASHINGTON
HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD

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RESOLUTION NO. 06-29

WHEREAS, The Higher Education Coordinating Board is responsible for monitoring and reporting on the academic success of African American, Hispanic, Asian American, and American Indian students in the State's system of higher education, and;

WHEREAS, Diversity of experiences, beliefs, and perspectives enrich the educational experience and provide the foundation for a rich intellectual and social environment, and;

WHEREAS, A diverse educational environment promotes personal growth and a healthy society by encouraging critical thinking and providing students an opportunity to learn to effectively communicate with people of varied backgrounds, and;

WHEREAS, Education within a diverse setting prepares students to become good citizens in an increasingly complex, pluralistic society and fosters mutual respect and teamwork, and;

WHEREAS, Sustaining our prosperity over the next century will require us to make effective use of the talents and abilities of all our citizens in work settings that bring together individuals from diverse backgrounds and cultures, and;


WHEREAS, The state must do more to eliminate disparities in participation and achievement in higher education so that all Washington residents have the opportunity to access postsecondary education and to enjoy the quality of life that accrues with higher levels of educational achievement.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Higher Education Coordinating Board adopts the findings and recommendations of the 2006 report on Diversity in Washington Higher Education.


Adopted:

September 27, 2006

Attest:



Gene Colin, Chair



Jesus Hernandez, Secretary

