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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate

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House

Senator Flores moved the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete lines 212 - 250

and insert:

(4) In order to attract and retain experienced research talent and attendant national grant-producing researchers to integrated cancer research and care institutions in this state, the Department of Health shall award endowments to integrated cancer research and care institutions for establishing a funded research chair, pursuant to the General Appropriations Act specifying an appropriation for this purpose. The purpose of the endowment is to provide secure funding for at least 7 years to attract an experienced and promising researcher whose continued



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14 employment for this period is not contingent upon grant awards
15 associated with time-limited research projects. In addition, the
16 Legislature intends for a chair to specialize in a cancer-
17 related research field that will facilitate coordination among
18 research institutions within the state and attract other
19 promising researchers and funding to the state.

20 (a) If it becomes necessary for an institution that has
21 been granted an endowed chair to replace the researcher, the
22 endowment must cease funding expenses associated with the
23 endowed chair other than reasonable costs for recruitment until
24 a replacement researcher has been retained. While the endowed
25 chair is vacant, the endowment must continue to earn interest
26 and all earnings must be added to the balance of the endowment.
27 A vacancy tolls the 7-year timeframe for the endowed chair.

28 (b) An institution funded pursuant to this subsection shall
29 provide to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the
30 Speaker of the House of Representatives a report that must, at a
31 minimum, describe the research program and general
32 responsibilities of the researcher who is to be selected for the
33 endowed chair. Upon final selection of the research chair, or if
34 it becomes necessary to replace a research chair, the
35 institution shall notify the chair of the Appropriations
36 Committee of the Senate and the chair of the Appropriations
37 Committee of the House of Representatives of the research
38 chair's name, the endowment budget, and the specific research
39 responsibilities. The institution shall annually report to the
40 President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of
41 Representatives the research chair's name, the amount of the
42 endowment fund used for the chair's salary, research



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43 responsibilities, the percentage of time

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46 And the title is amended as follows:

47 Delete line 47

48 and insert:

49 research chairs at integrated research and care

50 institutions contingent