

EXECUTIVE ORDER 93-01

DESIGNATING THE HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD AS THE STATE POSTSECONDARY REVIEW ENTITY FOR THE PROGRAM INTEGRITY TRIAD

WHEREAS, the Reauthorization Act for Higher Education, Part H (Program Integrity Triad), enacted in 1992, directs the Secretary of the United States Department of Education to enter into agreements with states in order to conduct or coordinate the review of postsecondary institutions, eligibility for Title IV financial aid funds. The Act directs each state to designate an entity responsible for complying with the Program Integrity requirements; and

WHEREAS, failure to comply with the requirements of the Program Integrity by a state, once federal funds are appropriated, may result in institutional ineligibility for Title IV financial aid funds; and

WHEREAS, it is the long-established policy of the State of Washington to uphold student consumer protection and quality postsecondary education, and to prevent financial aid fund abuse. The Higher Education Coordinating Board, by virtue of its statutory authority and advocacy for postsecondary education, has the responsibility for and commitment to this long-established said state policy.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Booth Gardner, Governor of the State of Washington, by virtue of the power vested in me, do hereby:

1. Designate the Higher Education Coordinating Board as the state postsecondary review entity for Program Integrity; and
2. Direct the Higher Education Coordinating Board to carry out the functions of Program Integrity as mandated by federal law by:
 - A. Reaching an agreement with the Secretary of the United States Department of Education once federal funds are available;
 - B. Consulting with accredited postsecondary institutions in Washington to develop review standards; and
 - C. Coordinating the review functions mandated by Program integrity with other oversight agencies for postsecondary education.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the State of Washington to be affixed at Olympia this 8th day of January A.D., Nineteen hundred and ninety-three.

By:

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BOOTH GARDNER
Governor of Washington

BY THE GOVERNOR:

Secretary of State