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ITEM 156-2004-C0812

<u>Cooperative Program in Veterinary Medical Education between Montana State University and Washington State University</u>

THAT

The Board of Regents of Higher Education authorizes Montana State University-Bozeman to establish a Cooperative Program in Veterinary Medical Education (CPVME) between the College of Agriculture at Montana State University-Bozeman and the College of Veterinary Medicine at Washington State University contingent upon funding.

EXPLANATION

MSU-Bozeman requests approval to establish a 4-year cooperative program that would result in a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM) degree from Washington State University (WSU). The program would be described as a 1+3 cooperative program where the first year of the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine program would be taught at MSU and the remaining 3 years at WSU. To meet the demands of current trends in veterinary medical education and veterinary workforce projections both within Montana and the nation, numerous cooperative veterinary medical programs are being developed among the western states. A cooperative program with MSU and Washington State University (WSU) College of Veterinary Medicine will allow students in Montana continued access to veterinary education. A partnership program will decentralize the educational process and allow shared resources of faculty and facilities in universities and communities across the northwest.

Currently, Montana provides funding for nine students to attend veterinary medical programs outside of Montana through WICHE. This proposed cooperative program in veterinary medical education would require funding for infrastructure, staff, operations, and educational support for 10 additional students.

ATTACHMENTS

Level II Request Form Curriculum Proposal