Sub. H. B. No. 96 As Passed by the Senate BORCD109, BORCD110

moved t	to	amend	as	follows

After line 65065, insert:	
"Sec. 3333.952. (A) The chancellor of higher education, in	2
collaboration with the department of education and workforce,	3
the department of job and family services, the inter-university	4
council, the association of independent colleges and	5
universities, and any other relevant entities, shall establish	6
the public policy research consortium on higher education. The	7
consortium shall develop and maintain a biennial statewide	8
research agenda that identifies key policy challenges and	9
research priorities crucial to the state's future, drawing on	10
input from policymakers, practitioners, and community	11
stakeholders. The goals of the statewide research agenda shall	12
be to do all of the following:	13
(1) Provide policymakers and practitioners with timely,	14
relevant, and rigorous research findings on problems of	15
significant importance to the state's citizens, enabling	16
informed decision-making and effective policies;	17
(2) Increase the active engagement of the state's higher	18

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education institutions in addressing real-world issues of direct	19
relevance to the state's social, economic, and civic well-being,	20
fostering a stronger connection between academia and public	21
<pre>service;</pre>	22
(3) Cultivate the next generation of policy-focused	23
researchers and practitioners by providing valuable research	24
opportunities to faculty and post-graduate students.	25
(B) The chancellor shall do all of the following:	26
(1) Award competitive research grants to faculty and post-	27
graduate students whose research aligns with the biennial	28
research agenda established under division (A) of this section.	29
Grants shall be awarded in a tiered structure based on project	30
scope and complexity. A grant award shall not exceed ten	31
thousand dollars. Fifty per cent of funding shall be disbursed	32
upon grant approval, with the remaining balance released upon	33
successful completion of the research and submission of the	34
final report.	35
(2) Establish a clear rubric to evaluate proposed research	36
projects that contains a peer-reviewed process, involving both	37
academic experts and relevant practitioners;	38
(3) Manage the grant process and disseminate research	39
findings through the department's web site, policy briefs,	40
annual presentations to the standing committees of each house of	41
the general assembly that consider higher education legislation,	42
and community forums."	43
In the table on line 152087, after row AY, insert:	44
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Af	ter line	153418, ins	sert:				50
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Tł	ne remain	der of the	foregoing app	ropriation	n item 2355A4,		59
Ohio Hi	gher Educ	cation Publi	c Policy Rese	earch Cons	ortium, shall		60
be used	by the C	Chancellor t	o award compe	etitive re	search grants		61
pursuan	t to divi	ision (B) of	section 3333	3.952 of t	he Revised		62
Code."							63
Up	date the	title, amer	nd, enact, or	repeal cl	auses accordin	ngly	64

The motion was _____ agreed to.

SYNOPSIS	65
Higher Education Research Public Policy Consortium	66
R.C. 3333.952	67
Restores a House provision that:	68
- Requires the Chancellor, in consultation with DEW, JFS,	69
the Inter-University Council, the Association of Independent	70
Colleges and Universities, and other entities, to establish the	71
Higher Education Public Policy Research Consortium to develop	72
and maintain a biennial statewide research agenda; and	73
- Establishes competitive research grants of up to \$10,000	74
for faculty and post-graduate students whose research aligns	75
with the biennial statewide research agenda to be awarded by the	76
Chancellor.	77
Department of Higher Education	78
Sections 381.10 and 381.565	79
Establishes GRF ALI 2355A4, Ohio Higher Education Public	80
Policy Research Consortium, with appropriations of \$500,000 in	81
each fiscal year, to award competitive research grants under the	82
Ohio Higher Education Public Policy Research Consortium.	83
Earmarks \$75,000 in each fiscal year from ALI 2355A4 for	84
the Chancellor to establish and administer the Consortium	85
(generally restores to the House-passed version of the bill but	86
reduces both the appropriation of ALI 2355A4 and earmark by	87
half).	88

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