**Health, Infrastructure and the BC Economy - December 2016**

The Pacific Academic Institute of Chiropractic (PAIC) is a BC incorporated and not for profit opportunity for advancing health care and research. The institute location is planned for Burnaby Mountain, Simon Fraser University. All three Western chiropractic associations have endorsed this development. The Institute and Research Centre will partner with established interdisciplinary research and university research chairs across Canada.

SFU Board of Governors completed a public consultation February 2014 and issued a letter of intent for the development of the Pacific Academic Institute of Chiropractic.

Each year over 600,000 British Columbians receive necessary medical care from BC chiropractic clinics. Demographic ages primarily 25-65, 55% female.

PAIC is a public, private partnership opportunity presented to the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services September 21, 2016.

PAIC will provide needed capacity for health work force planning and research in BC and Western Canada. 80% of students currently must go to USA for their education.

PAIC is estimated to graduate 45 doctors of chiropractic each year meeting BC growth of health workforce planning.

PAIC will provide new BC economic growth through employment (est. 100) and annual economic input estimated at $60 million.

PAIC will provide infrastructure for the use of SFU.

PAIC will be student tuition-based and self-sufficient after the first three years.

Government expenditures are approximately 40% for Ministry of Health (increase annually).

An estimated 1/3 of MSP daily office visits are associated with spine and related conditions.

The economic impact on government and related agencies WorkSafeBC and ICBC health expenditure is estimated at 30% affecting costs including employer and public insurance rates.

The World Health Organization reports in 2013 that spine conditions are among the top ten reasons persons suffer chronic pain and disability.

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