
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5661

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By Senate Committee on Trade, Technology & Economic Development
(originally sponsored by Senators Skratek, Bluechel, Erwin, A. Smith,
Sheldon, Winsley and M. Rasmussen)

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1 AN ACT Relating to the establishment of an advanced technology
2 network; adding a new chapter to Title 43 RCW; creating a new section;
3 and making an appropriation.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds:

6 (1) The growth and development of small and medium-sized businesses
7 in this state are necessary to ensure the economic health of the state
8 and its citizens;

9 (2) The development and commercialization of new technology plays
10 an important role in the growth and development of small and medium-
11 sized businesses;

12 (3) The adoption of new products and processes by existing
13 businesses increases the productivity and competitiveness of these
14 businesses;

15 (4) There are numerous public and private entities within the state
16 that can assist small and medium-sized businesses in the development
17 and utilization of new products and processes; and

1 (5) Small and medium-sized businesses are often unaware of the
2 entities that can provide technology transfer and industrial extension
3 and modernization assistance to them.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The department of trade and economic
5 development shall conduct an assessment of the technology transfer, and
6 industrial extension and modernization capabilities existing in all
7 federal, state, and private research institutions, state universities,
8 state community and technical colleges, and state agencies. When
9 possible, the department shall categorize capabilities by the sector
10 served by the activities. This assessment shall be used in the
11 development of a state-wide advanced technology network that shall
12 assist small and medium-sized businesses in accessing and utilizing
13 research and modernization capabilities available in the state.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The director of the department of trade and
15 economic development may establish an advisory board to assist in the
16 development and implementation of the state-wide advanced technology
17 network. The advisory board may consist of: Representatives from the
18 state universities, state community and technical colleges, state
19 agencies, and federal or private laboratories involved in conducting
20 research and development, technology transfer, or industrial extension
21 and modernization activities; representatives of economic development
22 providers; representatives of business assistance providers;
23 representatives of small and medium-sized businesses.

24 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** Sections 2 and 3 of this act shall
25 constitute a new chapter in Title 43 RCW.

26 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** The sum of one hundred thousand dollars, or
27 as much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for the biennium
28 ending June 30, 1995, from the general fund to the department of trade
29 and economic development for the purposes of this act.

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