
SENATE BILL 6220

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1 AN ACT Relating to quality awards; adding a new section to chapter
2 43.330 RCW; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 43.330 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 The Washington quality award council shall be organized as a
7 private, nonprofit corporation with the assistance of the department of
8 trade and economic development, and after June 30, 1994, with the
9 assistance of the department of community, trade, and economic
10 development, in accordance with chapter 24.03 RCW and this section.

11 (1) The council shall establish the governor's quality achievement
12 award program. The purpose of the program is to improve the overall
13 competitiveness of the state's economy by setting standards of
14 organizational excellence, encouraging organizational self-assessment,
15 identifying successful organizations as role models, and providing a
16 valuable mechanism for promoting and strengthening a commitment to
17 continuous quality improvement in all sectors of the state's economy.
18 The program shall annually recognize organizations that improve the

1 quality of their products and services and are noteworthy examples of
2 high performing work organizations.

3 (2) The council shall consist of the governor and the director of
4 the department of community, trade, and economic development, as chair
5 and vice-chair, and members of the general public who shall have
6 backgrounds in or experience with new production technologies, methods
7 of quality control, issues relating to the quality of the workplace,
8 and developments in labor-management relations. The initial membership
9 of the board beyond the chair and vice-chair shall be jointly appointed
10 by the governor, the speaker of the house of representatives and the
11 senate majority leader from a list of nominees submitted by the quality
12 for Washington state foundation. The list of nominees shall include
13 representatives from the governor's small business improvement council,
14 the Washington state efficiency commission, the Washington state
15 productivity board, the Washington state service quality network, the
16 national association for quality and participation, the American
17 society for quality control, business and labor associations,
18 educational institutions, elected officials, and former recipients of
19 national or state quality awards.

20 (3) The council may establish a board of examiners, a recognition
21 committee, and such other subcouncil groups as it deems appropriate to
22 carry out its responsibilities. Subcouncil groups established by the
23 council may be composed of noncouncilmembers.

24 (4) The council shall seek support for its administrative and
25 operational expenses from the quality for Washington state foundation.

26 (5) The council shall, in conjunction with the quality for
27 Washington state foundation, compile a list of resources available for
28 organizations interested in productivity improvement, quality
29 techniques, effective methods of work organization, and upgrading work
30 force skills. The council shall make the list of resources available
31 to the department of community, trade, and economic development and to
32 businesses, labor organizations, and public agencies.

33 (6) The council may conduct such public information, research, and
34 assistance programs as it deems appropriate to further quality
35 improvement in organizations operating in the state of Washington.

36 (7) The council shall:

- 37 (a) Approve and announce achievement award recipients;
- 38 (b) Approve guidelines to examine applicant organizations;
- 39 (c) Approve appointment of judges and examiners;

1 (d) Arrange appropriate annual awards and recognition for
2 recipients;

3 (e) Formulate recommendations for change in the nomination form or
4 award categories, in cooperation with the quality for Washington state
5 foundation; and

6 (f) Review related education, training, technology transfer, and
7 research initiatives proposed by the quality for Washington state
8 foundation.

9 (8) By January 1st of each even-numbered year, the council shall
10 report to the governor and the legislature on its activities in the
11 preceding two years and on any recommendations in state policies or
12 programs that could encourage quality improvement and the development
13 of high performance work organizations.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** This act is necessary for the immediate
15 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
16 state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take
17 effect immediately.

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