

2 **SB 6220** - H COMM AMD

3 By Committee on Trade, Economic Development & Housing

4 ADOPTED AS AMENDED 3/3/94

5 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
6 following:

7 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 43.330
8 RCW to read as follows:

9 The Washington quality award council shall be organized as a part
10 of the private, nonprofit corporation quality for Washington state
11 foundation, with the assistance of the department, in accordance with
12 chapter 24.03 RCW and this section.

13 (1) The council shall oversee the governor's Washington state
14 quality achievement award program. The purpose of the program is to
15 improve the overall competitiveness of the state's economy by
16 stimulating Washington state industries, business, and organizations to
17 bring about measurable success through setting standards of
18 organizational excellence, encouraging organizational self-assessment,
19 identifying successful organizations as role models, and providing a
20 valuable mechanism for promoting and strengthening a commitment to
21 continuous quality improvement in all sectors of the state's economy.
22 The program shall annually recognize organizations that improve the
23 quality of their products and services and are noteworthy examples of
24 high-performing work organizations.

25 (2) The council shall consist of the governor and the director, as
26 chair and vice-chair, respectively, and recognized professionals who
27 shall have backgrounds in or experience with effective quality
28 improvement techniques, employee involvement quality of work life
29 initiatives, and development of innovative labor-management relations.
30 The initial membership of the board beyond the chair and vice-chair
31 shall be appointed by the governor from a list of nominees submitted by
32 the quality for Washington state foundation. The list of nominees
33 shall include representatives from the governor's small business
34 improvement council, the Washington state efficiency commission, the
35 Washington state productivity board, the Washington state service
36 quality network, the association for quality and participation, the

1 American society for quality control, business and labor associations,
2 educational institutions, elected officials, and representatives from
3 former recipients of international, national, or state quality awards.

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

8 (4) The council shall receive its administrative support and
9 operational expenses from the quality for Washington state foundation.

10 (5) The council shall, in conjunction with the quality for
11 Washington state foundation, compile a list of resources available for
12 organizations interested in productivity improvement, quality
13 techniques, effective methods of work organization, and upgrading work
14 force skills as a part of the quality for Washington state foundation's
15 ongoing educational programs. The council shall make the list of
16 resources available to the general public, including labor, business,
17 nonprofit and public agencies, and the department.

18 (6) The council, in conjunction with the quality for Washington
19 state foundation, may conduct such public information, research,
20 education, and assistance programs as it deems appropriate to further
21 quality improvement in organizations operating in the state of
22 Washington.

23 (7) The council shall:

24 (a) Approve and announce achievement award recipients;

25 (b) Approve guidelines to examine applicant organizations;

26 (c) Approve appointment of judges and examiners;

27 (d) Arrange appropriate annual awards and recognition for
28 recipients, in conjunction with the quality for Washington state
29 foundation;

30 (e) Formulate recommendations for change in the nomination form or
31 award categories, in cooperation with the quality for Washington state
32 foundation; and

33 (f) Review related education, training, technology transfer, and
34 research initiatives proposed by the quality for Washington state
35 foundation.

36 (8) By January 1st of each even-numbered year, the council shall
37 report to the governor and the appropriate committees of the
38 legislature on its activities in the proceeding two years and on any
39 recommendations in state policies or programs that could encourage

1 quality improvement and the development of high-performance work
2 organizations.

3 (9) The council shall cease to exist on July 1, 2004, unless
4 otherwise extended by law.

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** This act is necessary for the immediate
6 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
7 state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take
8 effect immediately."

9 EFFECT: Makes the Washington Quality Award Council part of the
10 Quality for Washington State Foundation. Minor technical corrections.

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