

2 **ESHB 1739** - S COMM AMD
3 By Committee on Ways & Means

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

7 "**Sec. 1.** RCW 41.60.010 and 1987 c 387 s 1 are each amended to read
8 as follows:

9 As used in this chapter:

10 (1) "Board" means the productivity board.

11 (2) "Business" has the same meaning as the definition of "person"
12 and "company" in RCW 82.04.030.

13 (3) "Citizen" means a person living in the state who intends to
14 reside in the state.

15 (4) "Citizen suggestion program" means the program developed by the
16 board under section 2 of this act.

17 (5) "Employee suggestion program" means the program developed by
18 the board under RCW 41.60.020.

19 (~~((3))~~) (6) "State employees" means employees in state agencies and
20 institutions of higher education except for elected officials,
21 directors of such agencies and institutions, and their confidential
22 secretaries and administrative assistants and others specifically ruled
23 ineligible by the rules of the productivity board.

24 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 41.60 RCW
25 to read as follows:

26 (1) Before January 1, 1994, the board shall formulate and establish
27 a citizen suggestion program to encourage and reward meritorious
28 suggestions by citizens that will promote efficiency and economy in the
29 performance of any function of state government. The board shall
30 administer the program under this chapter and shall encourage citizens
31 to submit suggestions beginning January 1, 1994. The program shall
32 include provisions for the processing of suggestions having multi-
33 agency impact and postimplementation auditing of suggestions for fiscal
34 accountability.

1 (2) The board shall make the final determination as to whether a
2 citizen suggestion award will be made and shall determine the nature
3 and extent of the award.

4 (3) Cash awards for suggestions generating net savings to the state
5 shall be ten percent of the net savings.

6 (4) No award may be granted in excess of ten thousand dollars.

7 (5) If the suggestion is significantly modified when implemented,
8 the percentage specified in subsection (3) of this section may be
9 decreased at the option of the board.

10 (6) The board shall establish guidelines for making cash awards for
11 suggestions for which benefits to the state are intangible or for which
12 benefits cannot be calculated.

13 (7) Funds for the awards shall be drawn from the appropriation of
14 the agency benefiting from the citizen's suggestion. If the suggestion
15 reduces costs to a nonappropriated fund or reduces costs paid without
16 appropriation from a nonappropriated portion of an appropriated fund,
17 an award may be paid from the benefiting fund or account without
18 appropriation.

19 (8) Awards may be paid to citizens for suggestions that generate
20 new or additional money for the general fund or any other funds of the
21 state. The director of financial management shall distribute moneys
22 appropriated for this purpose with the concurrence of the productivity
23 board. Transfers shall be made from other funds of the state to the
24 general fund, in amounts equal to award payments made by the general
25 fund, for suggestions generating new or additional money for those
26 other funds.

27 **Sec. 3.** RCW 41.60.160 and 1987 c 387 s 8 are each amended to read
28 as follows:

29 (1) No award may be made under this chapter to:

30 (a) Any elected state official or state agency director;

31 (b) A person who owns or is employed by a business that will
32 receive a financial benefit if the citizen suggestion were implemented;
33 or

34 (c) A person who could be considered as acting as an agent on
35 behalf of a business that would receive a financial benefit if the
36 citizen suggestion were implemented.

37 (2) No monetary award may be made to persons exempt from the state
38 civil service law under RCW 41.06.070 (5) or (9).

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** A new section is added to chapter 41.60 RCW
2 to read as follows:

3 (1) If the productivity board decides not to provide a monetary
4 award for a citizen's suggestion or decides to award an amount that the
5 citizen believes to be inadequate, the citizen or a representative of
6 the citizen may, by written appeal, request that the board reconsider
7 its decision. The appeal shall be filed by mail and shall be
8 postmarked within thirty calendar days of the date of the board's
9 decision. An appeal filed with the board shall specify the reasons a
10 cash award or a particular cash award should be granted to the citizen.
11 It may identify the monetary amount sought in an award.

12 (2) The productivity board shall consider each such appeal. The
13 determination of the board regarding an appeal is final.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** A new section is added to chapter 41.60 RCW
15 to read as follows:

16 The citizen suggestion account is created in the state treasury to
17 offset the cost of administering the citizen suggestion program. In
18 the biennium that a citizen suggestion is implemented, each affected
19 agency shall transfer up to twenty percent of the net identified
20 savings and new revenue resulting from the suggestion, in accordance
21 with schedules provided by the office of financial management.
22 Expenditures from the account are subject to appropriation and may be
23 used solely for the costs of implementing and administering the citizen
24 suggestion program.

25 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** If specific funding for the purposes of this
26 act, referencing this act by bill number, is not provided by June 30,
27 1993, in the omnibus appropriations act, this act is null and void."

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31 On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "program;" strike the
32 remainder of the title and insert "amending RCW 41.60.010 and
33 41.60.160; adding new sections to chapter 41.60 RCW; and creating a new
34 section."

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