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- 3 By Conference Committee
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- 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 department is authorized to charge reasonable fees to cover
- 10 costs for conferences, workshops, and training purposes and to expend
- 11 those fees for the purposes for which they were collected.
- 12 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 43.330 RCW
- 13 to read as follows:
- 14 In order to extend its services and programs, the department may
- 15 charge reasonable fees for services and products provided in the areas
- 16 of financial assistance, housing, international trade, community
- 17 assistance, economic development, and other service delivery areas,
- 18 except as otherwise provided. These fees are not intended to exceed
- 19 the costs of providing the service or preparing and distributing the
- 20 product.
- 21 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 43.330 RCW
- 22 to read as follows:
- 23 Before the fees authorized in sections 2, 12, and 22 of this act
- 24 become effective the department shall:
- 25 (1) Submit the proposed schedule of fees to the office of financial
- 26 management for approval on or before November 1, 1994; and
- 27 (2) Submit the fees approved by the office of financial management
- 28 to the appropriate committees of the senate and house of
- 29 representatives before December 1, 1994.
- 30 NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. A new section is added to chapter 43.330 RCW
- 31 to read as follows:
- 32 The community and economic development fee account is created in
- 33 the state treasury. The department may create subaccounts as

- 1 necessary. The account consists of all receipts from fees charged by
- 2 the department under sections 1 and 2 of this act and RCW 43.210.110.
- 3 Expenditures from the account may be used only for the purposes of this
- 4 chapter. Only the director or the director's designee may authorize
- 5 expenditures from the account. Expenditures from the account may be
- 6 spent only after appropriation.
- 7 **Sec. 5.** RCW 70.95H.040 and 1991 c 319 s 206 are each amended to 8 read as follows:
- 9 In order to carry out its responsibilities under this chapter, the 10 center may:
- 11 (1) Receive such gifts, grants, funds, fees, and endowments, in
- 12 trust or otherwise, for the use and benefit of the purposes of the
- 13 center. The center may expend the same or any income therefrom
- 14 according to the terms of the gifts, grants, or endowments;
- 15 (2) Initiate, conduct, or contract for studies and searches
- 16 relating to market development for recyclable materials, including but
- 17 not limited to applied research, technology transfer, and pilot
- 18 demonstration projects;
- 19 (3) Obtain and disseminate information relating to market
- 20 development for recyclable materials from other state and local
- 21 agencies;
- 22 (4) Enter into, amend, and terminate contracts with individuals,
- 23 corporations, trade associations, and research institutions for the
- 24 purposes of this chapter;
- 25 (5) Provide grants to local governments or other public
- 26 institutions to further the development of recycling markets;
- 27 (6) Provide business and marketing assistance to public and private
- 28 sector entities within the state; ((and))
- 29 (7) Evaluate, analyze, and make recommendations on state policies
- 30 that may affect markets for recyclable materials; and
- 31 (8) Charge reasonable fees for services, products, conferences,
- 32 workshops, or any other activity of the center upon any person not
- 33 required to pay assessments imposed under chapter 82.18 or 82.19 RCW.
- 34 The fees collected under this subsection shall be expended solely for
- 35 the purposes of the center.
- 36 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 6.** A new section is added to chapter 70.95H RCW
- 37 to read as follows:

The clean Washington center fee account is created in the state treasury. Proceeds from fees collected by the center for services and products shall be deposited into this account. Expenditures from this account may be used only for the purposes under this chapter. Only the director or the director's designee may authorize expenditures from the account. Expenditures from the account may be spent only after appropriation.

- 8 **Sec. 7.** RCW 43.210.110 and 1993 sp.s. c 24 s 922, 1993 c 366 s 1, 9 and 1993 c 280 s 57 are each reenacted and amended to read as follows:
- 10 (1) The small business export finance assistance center has the 11 following powers and duties when exercising its authority under RCW 12 43.210.100(3):
- 13 (a) Solicit and accept grants, contributions, and any other 14 financial assistance from the federal government, federal agencies, and 15 any other public or private sources to carry out its purposes;

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(b) Offer comprehensive export assistance and counseling to manufacturers relatively new to exporting with gross annual revenues less than twenty-five million dollars. As close to seventy-five percent as possible of each year's new cadre of clients must have gross annual revenues of less than five million dollars at the time of their initial contract. At least fifty percent of each year's new cadre of clients shall be from timber impact areas as defined in RCW 43.31.601. Counseling may include, but not be limited to, helping clients obtain debt or equity financing, in constructing competent proposals, and assessing federal guarantee and/or insurance programs that underwrite exporting risk; assisting clients in evaluating their international marketplace by developing marketing materials, assessing and selecting targeted markets; assisting firms in finding foreign customers by conducting foreign market research, evaluating distribution systems, selecting and assisting in identification of and/or negotiations with foreign agents, distributors, retailers, and by promoting products through attending trade shows abroad; advising companies on their products, guarantees, and after sales service requirements necessary to compete effectively in a foreign market; designing a competitive strategy for a firm's products in targeted markets and methods of minimizing their commercial and political risks; securing for clients specific assistance as needed, outside the center's field of expertise, by referrals to other public or private organizations. The Pacific

- 1 Northwest export assistance project shall focus its efforts on 2 facilitating export transactions for its clients, and in doing so, 3 provide such technical services as are appropriate to accomplish its 4 mission either with staff or outside consultants;
- 5 (c) Sign three-year counseling agreements with its clients that provide for termination if adequate funding for the Pacific Northwest 6 7 export assistance project is not provided in future appropriations. 8 Counseling agreements shall not be renewed unless there are compelling 9 reasons to do so, and under no circumstances shall they be renewed for 10 more than two additional years. A counseling agreement may not be renewed more than once. The counseling agreements shall have mutual 11 performance clauses, that if not met, will be grounds for releasing 12 each party, without penalty, from the provisions of the agreement. 13 Clients shall be immediately released from a counseling agreement with 14 15 the Pacific Northwest export assistance project, without penalty, if a 16 client wishes to switch to a private export management service and 17 produces a valid contract signed with a private export management service, or if the president of the small business export finance 18 19 assistance center determines there are compelling reasons to release a client from the provisions of the counseling agreement; 20
  - (d) May contract with private or public international trade education services to provide Pacific Northwest export assistance project clients with training in international business. The president and board of directors shall decide the amount of funding allocated for educational services based on the availability of resources in the operating budget of the Pacific Northwest export assistance project;

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- (e) May contract with the Washington state international trade fair to provide services for Pacific Northwest export assistance project clients to participate in one trade show annually. The president and board of directors shall decide the amount of funding allocated for trade fair assistance based on the availability of resources in the operating budget of the Pacific Northwest export assistance project;
- (f) Provide biennial assessments of its performance. Project personnel shall work with the department of revenue and employment security department to confidentially track the performance of the project's clients in increasing tax revenues to the state, increasing gross sales revenues and volume of products destined to foreign clients, and in creating new jobs for Washington citizens. A biennial report shall be prepared for the governor and legislature to assess the

- costs and benefits to the state from creating the project. The 1 president of the small business export finance assistance center shall 2 design an appropriate methodology for biennial assessments 3 4 consultation with the director of community, trade, and economic development and the director of the Washington state department of 5 agriculture. The department of revenue and the employment security 6 7 department shall provide data necessary to complete this biennial 8 evaluation, if the data being requested is available from existing data 9 Client-specific information generated from the files of the 10 department of revenue and the employment security department for the purposes of this evaluation shall be kept strictly confidential by each 11 department and the small business export finance assistance center; 12
- 13 (g) Take whatever action may be necessary to accomplish the 14 purposes set forth in RCW 43.210.070 and 43.210.100 through 43.210.120; 15 and
- (h) Limit its assistance to promoting the exportation of valueadded manufactured goods. The project shall not provide counseling or assistance, under any circumstances, for the importation of foreign made goods into the United States.
- 20 (2) The Pacific Northwest export assistance project shall not, 21 under any circumstances, assume ownership or take title to the goods of 22 its clients.

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- (3) The Pacific Northwest export assistance project may not use any Washington state funds which come from the public treasury of the state of Washington to make loans or to make any payment under a loan guarantee agreement. Under no circumstances may the center use any funds received under RCW 43.210.050 to make or assist in making any loan or to pay or assist in paying any amount under a loan guarantee agreement. Debts of the center shall be center debts only and may be satisfied only from the resources of the center. The state of Washington shall not in any way be liable for such debts.
- (4) The Pacific Northwest export assistance project shall make every effort to seek nonstate funds to supplement its operations. The small business export finance assistance center and the project are authorized to charge reasonable fees for services and products provided and to expend the proceeds for the particular purposes for which they were collected.
- 38 (5) The small business export finance assistance center and its 39 Pacific Northwest export assistance project shall take whatever steps

are necessary to provide its services, if requested, to the states of Oregon, Idaho, Montana, Alaska, and the Canadian provinces of British Columbia and Alberta. Interstate services shall not be provided by the Pacific Northwest export assistance project during its first biennium of operation. The provision of services may be temporary and subject to the payment of fees, or each state may request permanent services contingent upon a level of permanent funding adequate for services provided. Temporary services and fees may be negotiated by the small business export finance assistance center's president subject to approval of the board of directors. The president of the small business export finance assistance center may enter into negotiations with neighboring states to contract for delivery of the project's services. Final contracts for providing the project's counseling and services outside of the state of Washington on a permanent basis shall be subject to approval of the governor, appropriate legislative oversight committees, and the small business export finance assistance center's board of directors.

(6) The small business export finance assistance center may receive such gifts, grants, and endowments from public or private sources as may be made from time to time, in trust or otherwise, for the use and benefit of the purposes of the Pacific Northwest export assistance project and expend the same or any income therefrom according to the terms of the gifts, grants, or endowments.

- (7) The president of the small business export finance assistance center, in consultation with the board of directors, may use the following formula in determining the number of clients that can be reasonably served by the Pacific Northwest export assistance project relative to its appropriation. Divide the amount appropriated for administration of the Pacific Northwest export assistance project by the marginal cost of adding each additional Pacific Northwest export assistance project client. For the purposes of this calculation, and only for the first biennium of operation, the biennial marginal cost of adding each additional Pacific Northwest export assistance project client shall be fifty-seven thousand ninety-five dollars. The biennial marginal cost of adding each additional client after the first biennium of operation shall be established from the actual operating experience of the Pacific Northwest export assistance project.
- 38 ((<del>8)</del> All receipts from the Pacific Northwest export assistance 39 project shall be deposited into the general fund. However, during the

- 1 1993-95 fiscal biennium, the receipts of the project shall be deposited
- 2 into the small business export finance assistance center fund under RCW
- $3 \quad 43.210.070.$ ))
- 4 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 8.** The fees authorized under sections 1 and 2
- 5 of this act and RCW 70.95H.040 and 43.210.110 shall be adopted by rule
- 6 pursuant to chapter 34.05 RCW.
- NEW SECTION. **Sec. 9.** A new section is added to chapter 46.70 RCW to read as follows:
- 9 (1) In addition to the requirements contained in RCW 46.70.135,
- 10 each sale of a new manufactured home in this state is made with an
- 11 implied warranty that the manufactured home conforms in all material
- 12 aspects to applicable federal and state laws and regulations
- 13 establishing standards of safety or quality, and with implied
- 14 warranties of merchantability and fitness for a particular purpose as
- 15 permanent housing in the climate of the state.
- 16 (2) The implied warranties contained in this section may not be
- 17 waived, limited, or modified. Any provision that attempts to waive,
- 18 limit, or modify the implied warranties contained in this section is
- 19 void and unenforceable.
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 10. A new section is added to chapter 46.70 RCW
- 21 to read as follows:
- 22 Any dealer, manufacturer, or contractor who installs a manufactured
- 23 home warrants that the manufactured home is installed in accordance
- 24 with the state installation code, chapter 296-150B WAC. The warranty
- 25 contained in this section may not be waived, limited, or modified. Any
- 26 provision attempting to waive, limit, or modify the warranty contained
- 27 in this section is void and unenforceable. This section does not apply
- 28 when the manufactured home is installed by the purchaser of the home.
- 29 **Sec. 11.** RCW 46.70.135 and 1989 c 343 s 22 are each amended to
- 30 read as follows:
- 31 Mobile home manufacturers and mobile home dealers who sell mobile
- 32 homes to be assembled on site and used as residences in this state
- 33 shall conform to the following requirements:
- 34 (1) No new manufactured home may be sold unless the purchaser is
- 35 provided with a manufacturer's written warranty for construction of the

- 1 home in compliance with the Magnuson-Moss Warranty Act (88 Stat. 2183; 2 15 U.S.C. Sec. 47 et seq.; 15 U.S.C. Sec. 2301 et seq.).
- 3 (2) No new manufactured home may be sold unless the purchaser is 4 provided with a dealer's written warranty for all installation services 5 performed by the dealer.
- (3) The warranties required by subsections (1) and (2) of this 6 7 section shall be valid for a minimum of one year measured from the date 8 of ((sale)) delivery and shall not be invalidated by resale by the 9 original purchaser to a subsequent purchaser or by the certificate of 10 ownership being eliminated or not issued as described in chapter 65.20 RCW. Copies of the warranties shall be given to the purchaser upon 11 signing a purchase agreement and shall include an explanation of 12 remedies available to the purchaser under state and federal law for 13 breach of warranty, the name and address of the federal department of 14 15 housing and urban development and the state departments of licensing 16 and labor and industries, and a brief description of the duties of 17 these agencies concerning mobile homes.
  - (4) Warranty service shall be completed within forty-five days after the owner gives written notice of the defect unless there is a bona fide dispute between the parties. Warranty service for a defect affecting health or safety shall be completed within seventy-two hours of receipt of written notice. Warranty service shall be performed on site and a written work order describing labor performed and parts used shall be completed and signed by the service agent and the owner. If the owner's signature cannot be obtained, the reasons shall be described on the work order. Work orders shall be retained by the dealer or manufacturer for a period of three years.

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(5) Before delivery of possession of the home to the purchaser, an 28 inspection shall be performed by the dealer or his or her agent and by 29 30 the purchaser or his or her agent which shall include a test of all systems of the home to insure proper operation, unless such systems 31 test is delayed pursuant to this subsection. At the time of the 32 inspection, the purchaser shall be given copies of all documents 33 34 required by state or federal agencies to be supplied by the manufacturer with the home which have not previously been provided as 35 required under subsection (3) of this section, and the dealer shall 36 37 complete any required purchaser information card and forward the card to the manufacturer. A purchaser is deemed to have taken delivery of 38 39 the manufactured home when all three of the following events have

- 1 occurred: (a) The contractual obligations between the purchaser and
- 2 the seller have been met; (b) the inspection of the home is completed;
- 3 and (c) the systems test of the home has been completed subsequent to
- 4 the installation of the home, or fifteen days has elapsed since the
- 5 transport of the home to the site where it will be installed, whichever
- 6 <u>is earlier</u>. Occupancy of the manufactured home shall only occur after
- 7 the systems test has occurred and all required utility connections have
- 8 been approved after inspection.
- 9 (6) Manufacturer and dealer advertising which states the dimensions
- 10 of a home shall not include the length of the draw bar assembly in a
- 11 listed dimension, and shall state the square footage of the actual
- 12 floor area.
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 12. A new section is added to chapter 43.330
- 14 RCW to read as follows:
- 15 The department may mediate disputes that arise regarding any
- 16 warranty required in chapter 46.70 RCW pertaining to the purchase or
- 17 installation of a manufactured home. The department may charge
- 18 reasonable fees for this service and shall deposit the moneys collected
- 19 in accordance with section 23 of this act.
- 20 **Sec. 13.** RCW 46.70.180 and 1993 c 175 s 3 are each amended to read
- 21 as follows:
- 22 Each of the following acts or practices is unlawful:
- 23 (1) To cause or permit to be advertised, printed, displayed,
- 24 published, distributed, broadcasted, televised, or disseminated in any
- 25 manner whatsoever, any statement or representation with regard to the
- 26 sale or financing of a vehicle which is false, deceptive, or
- 27 misleading, including but not limited to the following:
- 28 (a) That no down payment is required in connection with the sale of
- 29 a vehicle when a down payment is in fact required, or that a vehicle
- 30 may be purchased for a smaller down payment than is actually required;
- 31 (b) That a certain percentage of the sale price of a vehicle may be
- 32 financed when such financing is not offered in a single document
- 33 evidencing the entire security transaction;
- 34 (c) That a certain percentage is the amount of the service charge
- 35 to be charged for financing, without stating whether this percentage
- 36 charge is a monthly amount or an amount to be charged per year;

- (d) That a new vehicle will be sold for a certain amount above or 1 2 below cost without computing cost as the exact amount of the factory invoice on the specific vehicle to be sold; 3
- 4 (e) That a vehicle will be sold upon a monthly payment of a certain 5 amount, without including in the statement the number of payments of that same amount which are required to liquidate the unpaid purchase 6 7 price.

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- (2) To incorporate within the terms of any purchase and sale agreement any statement or representation with regard to the sale or financing of a vehicle which is false, deceptive, or misleading, including but not limited to terms that include as an added cost to the selling price of a vehicle an amount for licensing or transfer of title of that vehicle which is not actually due to the state, unless such amount has in fact been paid by the dealer prior to such sale.
- (3) To set up, promote, or aid in the promotion of a plan by which vehicles are to be sold to a person for a consideration and upon further consideration that the purchaser agrees to secure one or more persons to participate in the plan by respectively making a similar purchase and in turn agreeing to secure one or more persons likewise to join in said plan, each purchaser being given the right to secure money, credits, goods, or something of value, depending upon the number of persons joining the plan.
- 23 (4) To commit, allow, or ratify any act of "bushing" which is 24 defined as follows: Taking from a prospective buyer of a vehicle a 25 written order or offer to purchase, or a contract document signed by the buyer, which: 26
- (a) Is subject to the dealer's, or his or her authorized 27 representative's future acceptance, and the dealer fails or refuses 29 within forty-eight hours, exclusive of Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, and prior to any further negotiations with said buyer, to deliver to the buyer either the dealer's signed acceptance or all copies of the order, offer, or contract document together with any 32 33 initial payment or security made or given by the buyer, including but 34 not limited to money, check, promissory note, vehicle keys, a trade-in, or certificate of title to a trade-in; or
  - (b) Permits the dealer to renegotiate a dollar amount specified as trade-in allowance on a vehicle delivered or to be delivered by the buyer as part of the purchase price, for any reason except substantial physical damage or latent mechanical defect occurring before the dealer

- took possession of the vehicle and which could not have been reasonably
  discoverable at the time of the taking of the order, offer, or
  contract; or
- 4 (c) Fails to comply with the obligation of any written warranty or 5 guarantee given by the dealer requiring the furnishing of services or 6 repairs within a reasonable time.
- 7 (5) To commit any offense relating to odometers, as such offenses 8 are defined in RCW 46.37.540, 46.37.550, 46.37.560, and 46.37.570. A 9 violation of this subsection is a class C felony punishable under 10 chapter 9A.20 RCW.
- 11 (6) For any vehicle dealer or vehicle salesman to refuse to 12 furnish, upon request of a prospective purchaser, the name and address 13 of the previous registered owner of any used vehicle offered for sale.
- 14 (7) To commit any other offense under RCW 46.37.423, 46.37.424, or 15 46.37.425.
- 16 (8) To commit any offense relating to a dealer's temporary license 17 permit, including but not limited to failure to properly complete each 18 such permit, or the issuance of more than one such permit on any one 19 vehicle.
- (9) For a dealer, salesman, or mobile home manufacturer, having 20 taken an instrument or cash "on deposit" from a purchaser prior to the 21 delivery of the bargained-for vehicle, to commingle ((said)) the "on 22 deposit" funds with assets of the dealer, salesman, or mobile home 23 24 manufacturer instead of holding ((said)) the "on deposit" funds as 25 trustee in a separate trust account until the purchaser has taken 26 delivery of the bargained-for vehicle. Delivery of a manufactured home shall be deemed to occur in accordance with RCW 46.70.135(5). Failure, 27 immediately upon receipt, to endorse "on deposit" instruments to such 28 29 a trust account, or to set aside "on deposit" cash for deposit in such 30 trust account, and failure to deposit such instruments or cash in such 31 trust account by the close of banking hours on the day following receipt thereof, shall be evidence of intent to commit this unlawful 32 PROVIDED, HOWEVER, That a motor vehicle dealer may keep a 33 34 separate trust account which equals his or her customary total customer 35 deposits for vehicles for future delivery. For purposes of this section, "on deposit" funds received from a purchaser of a manufactured 36 37 home means those funds that a seller requires a purchaser to advance before ordering the manufactured home, but does not include any loan 38

- 1 proceeds or moneys that might have been paid on an installment 2 contract.
- 3 (10) For a dealer or manufacturer to fail to comply with the 4 obligations of any written warranty or guarantee given by the dealer or 5 manufacturer requiring the furnishing of goods and services or repairs 6 within a reasonable period of time, or to fail to furnish to a 7 purchaser, all parts which attach to the manufactured unit including 8 but not limited to the undercarriage, and all items specified in the 9 terms of a sales agreement signed by the seller and buyer.
- (11) For a vehicle dealer to pay to or receive from any person, firm, partnership, association, or corporation acting, either directly or through a subsidiary, as a buyer's agent for consumers, any compensation, fee, gratuity, or reward in connection with the purchase or sale of a new motor vehicle.
- 15 (12) For a buyer's agent acting directly or through a subsidiary to 16 pay to or to receive from any motor vehicle dealer any compensation, 17 fee, gratuity, or reward in connection with the purchase or sale of a 18 new motor vehicle.
- 19 (13) For a buyer's agent to arrange for or to negotiate the 20 purchase, or both, of a new motor vehicle through an out-of-state 21 dealer without disclosing in writing to the customer that the new 22 vehicle would not be subject to chapter 19.118 RCW.
- 23 (14) Being a manufacturer, other than a motorcycle manufacturer 24 governed by chapter 46.94 RCW, to:
- (a) Coerce or attempt to coerce any vehicle dealer to order or accept delivery of any vehicle or vehicles, parts or accessories, or any other commodities which have not been voluntarily ordered by the vehicle dealer: PROVIDED, That recommendation, endorsement, exposition, persuasion, urging, or argument are not deemed to constitute coercion;
- (b) Cancel or fail to renew the franchise or selling agreement of 31 any vehicle dealer doing business in this state without fairly 32 33 compensating the dealer at a fair going business value for his or her 34 capital investment which shall include but not be limited to tools, 35 equipment, and parts inventory possessed by the dealer on the day he or she is notified of such cancellation or termination and which are still 36 37 within the dealer's possession on the day the cancellation or termination is effective, if: (i) The capital investment has been 38 39 entered into with reasonable and prudent business judgment for the

- purpose of fulfilling the franchise; and (ii) ((said)) the cancellation 1 or nonrenewal was not done in good faith. Good faith is defined as the 2 duty of each party to any franchise to act in a fair and equitable 3 manner towards each other, so as to guarantee one party freedom from 4 coercion, intimidation, or threats of coercion or intimidation from the 5 other party: PROVIDED, That recommendation, endorsement, exposition, 6 7 persuasion, urging, or argument are not deemed to constitute a lack of 8 good faith.
- 9 (c) Encourage, aid, abet, or teach a vehicle dealer to sell 10 vehicles through any false, deceptive, or misleading sales or financing practices including but not limited to those practices declared 11 unlawful in this section; 12

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- (d) Coerce or attempt to coerce a vehicle dealer to engage in any practice forbidden in this section by either threats of actual cancellation or failure to renew the dealer's franchise agreement;
- (e) Refuse to deliver any vehicle publicly advertised for immediate 16 17 delivery to any duly licensed vehicle dealer having a franchise or contractual agreement for the retail sale of new and unused vehicles 18 19 sold or distributed by such manufacturer within sixty days after such 20 dealer's order has been received in writing unless caused by inability to deliver because of shortage or curtailment of material, labor, transportation, or utility services, or by any labor or production 22 23 difficulty, or by any cause beyond the reasonable control of the 24 manufacturer;
- 25 (f) To provide under the terms of any warranty that a purchaser of 26 any new or unused vehicle that has been sold, distributed for sale, or 27 transferred into this state for resale by the vehicle manufacturer may only make any warranty claim on any item included as an integral part 28 of the vehicle against the manufacturer of that item. 29
- 30 Nothing in this section may be construed to impair the obligations 31 contract or to prevent a manufacturer, distributor, representative, or any other person, whether or not licensed under this 32 33 chapter, from requiring performance of a written contract entered into 34 with any licensee hereunder, nor does the requirement of such 35 performance constitute a violation of any of the provisions of this any such contract or the terms thereof requiring 36 section if 37 performance, have been freely entered into and executed between the contracting parties. This paragraph and subsection  $((\frac{(11)(b)}{(b)}))$  (14)(b) 38

- 1 of this section do not apply to new motor vehicle manufacturers
- 2 governed by chapter 46.96 RCW.
- 3 (15) Unlawful transfer of an ownership interest in a motor vehicle
- 4 as defined in RCW 19.116.050.
- 5 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 14.** The purpose of this chapter is to ensure
- 6 that all mobile and manufactured homes are installed by a certified
- 7 manufactured home installer in accordance with the state installation
- 8 code, chapter 296-150B WAC, in order to provide greater protections to
- 9 consumers and make the warranty requirement of section 2 of this act
- 10 easier to achieve.
- 11 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 15.** Unless the context clearly requires
- 12 otherwise, the definitions in this section apply throughout this
- 13 chapter.
- 14 (1) "Authorized representative" means an employee of a state
- 15 agency, city, or county acting on behalf of the department.
- 16 (2) "Certified manufactured home installer" means a person who is
- 17 in the business of installing mobile or manufactured homes and who has
- 18 been issued a certificate by the department as provided in this
- 19 chapter.
- 20 (3) "Department" means the department of community, trade, and
- 21 economic development.
- 22 (4) "Director" means the director of community, trade, and economic
- 23 development.
- 24 (5) "Manufactured home" means a single-family dwelling built in
- 25 accordance with the department of housing and urban development
- 26 manufactured home construction and safety standards act, which is a
- 27 national, preemptive building code.
- 28 (6) "Mobile or manufactured home installation" means all on-site
- 29 work necessary for the installation of a manufactured home, including:
- 30 (a) Construction of the foundation system;
- 31 (b) Installation of the support piers;
- 32 (c) Required connection to foundation system and support piers;
- 33 (d) Skirting;
- 34 (e) Connections to the on-site water and sewer systems that are
- 35 necessary for the normal operation of the home; and
- 36 (f) Extension of the pressure relief valve for the water heater.

- 1 (7) "Manufactured home standards" means the manufactured home 2 construction and safety standards as promulgated by the United States 3 department of housing and urban development (HUD).
- 4 (8) "Mobile home" means a factory-built dwelling built prior to 5 June 15, 1976, to standards other than the HUD code, and acceptable 6 under applicable state codes in effect at the time of construction or 7 introduction of the home into the state. Mobile homes have not been 8 built since introduction of the HUD manufactured home construction and 9 safety standards act.
- 10 (9) "Training course" means the education program administered by 11 the department as a prerequisite to taking the examination for 12 certification.
- 13 Sec. 16. After July 1, 1995, a mobile or NEW SECTION. 14 manufactured home may not be installed without a certified manufactured 15 home installer providing on-site supervision whenever installation work The certified manufactured home installer is 16 is being performed. responsible for the reading, understanding, and following 17 the 18 manufacturer's installation instructions and performance of noncertified workers engaged in the installation of the home. There 19 shall be at least one certified manufactured home installer on the 20 installation site whenever installation work is being performed. 21
- A manufactured home installer certification shall not be required for:
- 24 (1) Site preparation;

- (2) Sewer and water connections outside of the building site;
- 26 (3) Specialty trades that are responsible for constructing 27 accessory structures such as garages, carports, and decks;
  - (4) Pouring concrete into forms;
- 29 (5) Painting and dry wall finishing;
- 30 (6) Carpet installation;
- 31 (7) Specialty work performed within the scope of their license by
- 32 licensed plumbers or electricians. This provision does not waive or
- 33 lessen any state regulations related to licensing or permits required
- 34 for electricians or plumbers;
- 35 (8) A mobile or manufactured home owner performing installation
- 36 work on their own home; and

- 1 (9) A manufacturer's mobile home installation crew installing a
- 2 mobile or manufactured home sold by the manufacturer except for the on-
- 3 site supervisor.
- 4 Violation of this section is an infraction.
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 17. A person desiring to be issued a certificate of manufactured home installation as provided in this chapter shall make application to the department, in such a form as required by the department.
- 9 Upon receipt of the application and evidence required in this chapter, the director shall review the information and make a 10 determination as to whether the applicant is eligible to take the 11 training course and examination for the certificate of manufactured 12 home installation. An applicant must furnish written evidence of six 13 14 months of experience under the direct supervision of a certified manufactured home installer, or other equivalent experience, in order 15 to be eligible to take the training course and examination. 16 director shall establish reasonable rules for the training course and 17 18 examinations to be given to applicants for certificates of manufactured 19 home installation. Upon determining that the applicant is eligible to take the training course and examination, the director shall notify the 20 21 applicant, indicating the time and place for taking the training course 22 and examination.
- The requirement that an applicant must be under the direct supervision of a certified manufactured home installer for six months only applies to applications made on or after July 1, 1996. For applications made before July 1, 1996, the department shall require evidence of experience to satisfy this requirement.
- The director may allow other persons to take the training course and examination on manufactured home installation, without certification.
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 18. The department shall prepare a written training course and examination to be administered to applicants for manufactured home installer certification. The examination shall be constructed to determine whether the applicant:
- 35 (1) Possesses general knowledge of the technical information and 36 practical procedures that are necessary for manufactured home 37 installation;

- 1 (2) Is familiar with the federal and state codes and administrative 2 rules pertaining to manufactured homes; and
- 3 (3) Is familiar with the local government regulations as related to 4 manufactured home installations.

5 The department shall certify the results of the examination and 6 shall notify the applicant in writing whether the applicant has passed 7 or failed the examination. An applicant who failed the examination may 8 retake the training course and examination. The director may not limit 9 the number of times that a person may take the training course and 10 examination.

- 11 NEW SECTION. Sec. 19. (1) The department shall issue a 12 certificate of manufactured home installation to an applicant who has taken the training course, passed the examination, paid the fees, and 13 14 in all other respects meet the qualifications. The certificate shall 15 bear the date of issuance, a certification identification number, and is renewable every three years upon application and completion of a 16 continuing education program as determined by the department. A 17 18 renewal fee shall be assessed for each certificate. If a person fails 19 to renew a certificate by the renewal date, the person must retake the examination and pay the examination fee. 20
- (2) The certificate of manufactured home installation provided for in this chapter grants the holder the right to engage in manufactured home installation throughout the state, without any other installer certification.
- 25 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 20.** Any local government mobile or manufactured home installation application and permit shall state the name and 26 27 certification identification number of the certified manufactured home 28 installer supervising such installation. A local government may not 29 issue a permit to install a manufactured home unless: (1) The installer submits a copy of the certificate of manufactured home 30 installation to the local government; or (2) work is being performed 31 32 that does not require a certified installer. When work must be performed by a certified manufactured home installer, no work may 33 commence until the installer or the installer's agent has posted or 34 35 otherwise made available, with the inspection record card at the set-up site, a copy of the certified manufactured home installer's certificate 36 37 of manufactured home installation.

- NEW SECTION. Sec. 21. (1) The department may revoke a certificate of manufactured home installation upon the following grounds:
  - (a) The certificate was obtained through error or fraud;

- 4 (b) The holder of the certificate is judged to be incompetent as a 5 result of multiple infractions of the state installation code, WAC 296-6 150B-200 through 296-150B-255; or
- 7 (c) The holder has violated a provision of this chapter or a rule 8 adopted to implement this chapter.
- 9 (2) Before a certificate of manufactured home installation is 10 revoked, the holder must be given written notice of the department's intention to revoke the certificate, sent by registered mail, return 11 receipt requested, to the holder's last known address. The notice 12 13 shall enumerate the allegations against the holder, and shall give the holder the opportunity to request a hearing. At the hearing, the 14 15 department and the holder may produce witnesses and give testimony. 16 The hearing shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of 17 chapter 34.05 RCW.
- 18 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 22.** The department shall charge reasonable fees 19 to cover the costs to administer the certification program which shall include but not be limited to the issuance, renewal, and reinstatement 20 of all certificates, training courses, and examinations required under 21 22 this chapter. All fees collected under this chapter shall be deposited 23 in the manufactured home installation training account created in 24 section 23 of this act and used only for the purposes specified in this 25 chapter.
- The fees shall be limited to covering the direct cost of issuing the certificates, administering the examinations, and administering and enforcing this chapter. The costs shall include only essential travel, per diem, and administrative support costs.
- <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 23.** The manufactured home installation training 30 account is created in the state treasury. All receipts collected under 31 32 this chapter and any legislative appropriations for manufactured home 33 installation training shall be deposited into the account. Moneys in the account may only be spent after appropriation. Expenditures from 34 35 the account may only be used for the purposes of this chapter. Unexpended and unencumbered moneys that remain in the account at the 36 37 end of the fiscal year do not revert to the state general fund but

- 1 remain in the account, separately accounted for, as a contingency 2 reserve.
- 3 NEW SECTION. Sec. 24. An authorized representative may investigate alleged or apparent violations of this chapter. 4 Upon presentation of credentials, an authorized representative, including a 5 local government building official, may inspect sites at which 6 7 manufactured home installation work is undertaken to determine whether 8 such work is being done under the supervision of a certified 9 manufactured home installer. Upon request of the authorized representative, a person performing manufactured home installation work 10 shall identify the person holding the certificate issued by the 11 12 department in accordance with this chapter.
- 13 NEW SECTION. Sec. 25. An authorized representative of the department may issue a notice of infraction if the person supervising 14 15 the manufactured home installation work fails to produce evidence of having a certificate issued by the department in accordance with this 16 17 chapter. A notice of infraction issued under this chapter shall be 18 personally served on or sent by certified mail to the person named in the notice by the authorized representative. 19
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 26. (1) The department shall prescribe the form of the notice of infraction issued under this chapter.
- 22 (2) The notice of infraction shall include the following:
- (a) A statement that the notice represents a determination that the infraction has been committed by the person named in the notice and that the determination is final unless contested as provided in this chapter;
- (b) A statement that the infraction is a noncriminal offense for which imprisonment may not be imposed as a sanction;
- 29 (c) A statement of the specific infraction for which the notice was 30 issued;
- 31 (d) A statement of a monetary penalty that has been established for 32 the infraction;
- 33 (e) A statement of the options provided in this chapter for 34 responding to the notice and the procedures necessary to exercise these 35 options;

- 1 (f) A statement that, at a hearing to contest the determination, 2 the state has the burden of proving, by a preponderance of the 3 evidence, that the infraction was committed, and that the person may
- 4 subpoena witnesses including the authorized representative who issued
- 5 and served the notice of the infraction;
- 6 (g) A statement, that the person shall sign, that the person 7 promises to respond to the notice of infraction in one of the ways 8 provided in this chapter;
- 9 (h) A statement that refusal to sign the infraction as directed in 10 (g) of this subsection is a misdemeanor; and
- (i) A statement that failure to respond to a notice of infraction 12 as promised is a misdemeanor and may be punished by a fine or
- 13 imprisonment in jail.
- 14 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 27.** Each day in which a person engages in the
- 15 installation of manufactured homes in violation of this chapter is a
- 16 separate infraction. Each worksite at which a person engages in the
- 17 trade of manufactured home installation in violation of this chapter is
- 18 a separate infraction.
- 19 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 28.** It is a violation of this chapter for any
- 20 contractor, manufactured home dealer, manufacturer, or home dealer's or
- 21 manufacturer's agent to engage any person to install a manufactured
- 22 home who is not certified in accordance with this chapter.
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 29. All violations designated as an infraction
- 24 shall be adjudicated in accordance with the administrative procedure
- 25 act, chapter 34.05 RCW.
- 26 NEW SECTION. Sec. 30. Unless contested in accordance with this
- 27 chapter, the notice of infraction represents a determination that the
- 28 person to whom the notice was issued committed the infraction.
- 29 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 31.** (1) A person found to have committed an
- 30 infraction under this chapter shall be assessed a monetary penalty of
- 31 one thousand dollars.
- 32 (2) The administrative law judge may waive, reduce, or suspend the
- 33 monetary penalty imposed for the infraction.

- 1 (3) Monetary penalties collected under this chapter shall be 2 remitted as provided in chapter 3.62 RCW.
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 32. The director may adopt rules in accordance with chapter 34.05 RCW, make specific decisions, orders, and rulings, include demands and findings within the decisions, orders, and rulings, and take other necessary action for the implementation and enforcement
- 7 of duties under this chapter.
- 8 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 33.** Sections 14 through 32 of this act shall 9 constitute a new chapter in Title 43 RCW.
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 34. If any provision of this act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected.
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 35. This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take effect immediately."
- 18 **2SSB 6107** CONF REPT
- 19 By Conference Committee

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- On page 1, line 2 of the title, after "development;" strike the remainder of the title and insert "amending RCW 70.95H.040, 46.70.135,
- 23 and 46.70.180; reenacting and amending RCW 43.210.110; adding new
- 24 sections to chapter 43.330 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 70.95H
- 25 RCW; adding new sections to chapter 46.70 RCW; adding a new chapter to
- 26 Title 43 RCW; creating a new section; prescribing penalties; and
- 27 declaring an emergency."

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