

HOUSE BILL REPORT

SHB 1678

As Passed House
March 13, 1993

Title: An act relating to operation new market.

Brief Description: Continuing funding for Operation New Market.

Sponsors: By House Committee on Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives Eide, Brough, Wineberry, Pruitt, Valle, Quall and Sheldon.)

Brief History:

Reported by House Committee on:
Trade, Economic Development & Housing, February 17, 1993,
DP;
Appropriations, March 6, 1993, DPS;
Passed House, March 13, 1993, 98-0.

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRADE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & HOUSING

Majority Report: Do pass. Signed by 13 members:
Representatives Wineberry, Chair; Shin, Vice Chair; Forner,
Ranking Minority Member; Campbell; Casada; Conway; Morris;
Quall; Schoesler; Sheldon; Springer; Valle; and Wood.

Staff: Charlie Gavigan (786-7340).

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Majority Report: The substitute bill be substituted therefor and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by 22 members: Representatives Locke, Chair; Silver, Ranking Minority Member; Appelwick; Ballasiotes; Basich; Cooke; Dellwo; Dorn; Dunshee; G. Fisher; Jacobsen; Lemmon; Linville; Rust; Sehlin; Sheahan; Sommers; Stevens; Talcott; Wang; Wineberry; and Wolfe.

Minority Report: Do not pass. Signed by 1 member:
Representative Carlson, Assistant Ranking Minority Member.

Staff: Susan Nakagawa (786-7145).

Background: Washington state provides export assistance through a variety of public programs and funding.

Summary of Bill: The Department of Trade and Economic Development, within current resources, is to work with the Tacoma World Trade Center to assist small and medium-sized businesses with export opportunities.

Operation New Market is a program designed to enhance export opportunities for Washington businesses.

Fiscal Note: Available.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

Testimony For: (Trade, Economic Development & Housing) The globalization of the economy has resulted in international competition that challenges the state in international and domestic markets. One in five jobs in Washington is trade-related; the state must successfully export products for the well-being of the whole state economy. This program will help small and medium-sized companies successfully export products or services.

(Appropriations) None.

Testimony Against: (Trade, Economic Development & Housing) None.

(Appropriations) None.

Witnesses: (Trade, Economic Development & Housing) (Pro): Representative Tracey Eide, prime sponsor; Louise Sandeson, Port of Tacoma; and Alex Clementiev, Neurobotics, Inc.

(Appropriations) None.