

FINAL BILL REPORT

SB 6220

PARTIAL VETO

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SYNOPSIS AS ENACTED

Brief Description: Creating the quality award council.

SPONSORS: Senator Cantu

SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRADE, TECHNOLOGY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRADE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & HOUSING

BACKGROUND:

On the national level, the Malcolm Baldrige Award has set standards for excellence, encouraged organizational self-assessment, identified successful organizations as role models, and promoted a commitment to quality improvement. Many states have established state quality awards to further these same goals.

SUMMARY:

The Washington Quality Award Council is established as a part of the Quality for Washington Foundation. The council has the Governor and the Director of the Department of Community, Trade, and Economic Development as chair and vice-chair and members with experience in new production technologies, methods of quality control, and labor-management relations.

The council is to establish the Governor's Quality Achievement Award Program with the purpose of improving the overall competitiveness of the state's economy. In addition, it is to develop and make available a list of quality improvement related resources. It may also conduct public information, research, and assistance programs.

The council is to report on its activities and make recommendations regarding state programs or policies encouraging quality improvement and the development of high performance work organizations.

The council is to sunset July 1, 2004.

VOTES ON FINAL PASSAGE:

Senate	48	0	
House	97	1	(House amended)
Senate	43	0	(Senate concurred)

EFFECTIVE: June 9, 1994

Partial Veto Summary: The emergency clause giving the bill immediate effect was vetoed.