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By House Committee on Trade, Economic Development & Housing (originally sponsored by Representatives Wineberry, Ballard, Jacobsen, Wood, Finkbeiner, Reams, Ogden, Vance, Peery, Cooke, Dorn, Johanson, R. Meyers, Campbell, Miller, Brough, Horn, Long, Foreman, J. Kohl and Forner)

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1 AN ACT Relating to science and technology programs and policies;  
2 adding a new chapter to Title 43 RCW; and creating new sections.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that:

5 (1) The growth and development of innovative, technology-based  
6 businesses in Washington are necessary to insure progress and increase  
7 the productivity in key areas of our economy, such as agriculture,  
8 forest products, communication, environmental technology,  
9 biotechnology, medical technology, computer systems, and manufacturing;

10 (2) Mathematics, science, and technology are key parts of the  
11 education of Washington's youth and work force and are important to the  
12 long-term economic prosperity of Washington state;

13 (3) The fostering and development of innovative technology-based  
14 businesses in this state and the proper education and training of  
15 individuals to work for these businesses is necessary to assure the  
16 growth and stability of the state's economy, adequate employment  
17 opportunities providing livable wages, the protection of the  
18 environment, and the general welfare of the citizens of this state;

1 (4) Other states have established programs and policies seeking to  
2 attract and retain technology-based businesses;

3 (5) It is critical that the state develop state-wide science and  
4 technology policies that seek to identify the mechanisms for  
5 attracting, developing, and strengthening technology-based industries  
6 in the state of Washington, improving the ability of Washington  
7 citizens to understand and use mathematics, science, and technology,  
8 and utilizing new technologies in the operation of state government;

9 (6) Technology has untapped potential to enhance the effectiveness  
10 of government at all levels, therefore, efforts should be made to  
11 utilize opportunities to reduce the costs of government; and

12 (7) Most technology-related issues of public policy involve more  
13 than a single agency of state government, requiring special efforts to  
14 harmonize and effect implementation with a minimum of duplication.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) The office of science and technology is  
16 created within the department of trade and economic development.

17 (2) The department of trade and economic development's special  
18 assistant for technology shall administer this office. The special  
19 assistant shall be experienced and knowledgeable in the application of  
20 science and technology to business, industry, or public policy issues.  
21 The special assistant shall have the following duties: (a) Chair the  
22 science and technology advisory council created in section 4 of this  
23 act; (b) assist in the development and implementation of state-wide  
24 science and technology policies developed by the advisory council on  
25 science and technology; (c) advise the governor and other state  
26 agencies on the use of existing and emerging technologies to more  
27 efficiently deliver state services and streamline state agencies; (d)  
28 provide oversight of all publicly funded technology transfer programs  
29 in the state; and (e) act as a liaison to the higher education  
30 coordinating board, the work force training and education coordinating  
31 board, and other state agencies and commissions regarding the  
32 development and implementation of state-wide science and technology  
33 policies. The special assistant shall report directly to the director  
34 of the department of trade and economic development and the governor.  
35 The special assistant shall not duplicate the duties of the department  
36 of information services and the information services board regarding  
37 information technology under chapter 43.105 RCW, but shall incorporate

1 their efforts into a broader science and technology strategy where  
2 appropriate.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** Subject to the receipt of funds in the  
4 account created in section 5 of this act, the department of trade and  
5 economic development shall work with representatives from the  
6 appropriate private sector businesses and research laboratories to  
7 under take the following:

8 (1) Provide linkages to federal programs and funding for research  
9 and development activities in the state;

10 (2) Represent the state in communications with the federal office  
11 of science and technology policy;

12 (3) Participate in the formation of a state-wide advanced  
13 technology network that will provide information to small and medium-  
14 sized businesses on technology transfer and industrial extension and  
15 modernization activities occurring in state universities, community and  
16 technical colleges, state-funded technology transfer centers, and  
17 private laboratories and federal laboratories within the state;

18 (4) Act as a clearinghouse for small and medium-sized businesses  
19 seeking information regarding technology transfer and industrial  
20 extension and modernization activities occurring within the state and  
21 federal programs and funding available to assist companies in research,  
22 development and commercialization efforts; and

23 (5) Foster greater public understanding of the role of science and  
24 technology in modern society thus encouraging more individuals to enter  
25 technical professions.

26 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** The department may form an advisory council  
27 on science and technology. Expenses of the council shall be supported  
28 from the account created in section 5 of this act.

29 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** The science and technology support account  
30 is created in the state treasury. The department of trade and economic  
31 development shall administer the account. Moneys received in the  
32 account shall include all donations, gifts, and grants in support of  
33 the duties and responsibilities outlined in section 3 of this act. No  
34 appropriation is required to permit expenditures and payments of  
35 obligations from the account.

1        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 6.**    Sections 2 through 4 of this act shall  
2    constitute a new chapter in Title 43 RCW.

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