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1 AN ACT Relating to international trade; adding new sections to
2 chapter 43.06 RCW; creating a new section; and making an appropriation.

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

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

5 (1) The expansion of international trade is vital to the overall
6 growth of Washington's economy;

7 (2) The current state efforts to develop relations with foreign
8 countries are insufficient for effective coordination and mobilization
9 of resources necessary to promote economic growth and international
10 trade; and

11 (3) There is a need to strengthen and coordinate the state's
12 activities in marketing its agricultural, manufacturing, and service
13 industries overseas, especially for small and medium-sized businesses.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 43.06 RCW
15 to read as follows:

16 There is created within the office of the governor the office of
17 Washington state trade representative.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 43.06 RCW
2 to read as follows:

3 The purposes of the office of Washington state trade representative
4 are to:

5 (1) Strengthen the state's activities in marketing its
6 agricultural, manufacturing, and service industries overseas;

7 (2) Respond to industry complaints concerning foreign trade
8 barriers, and help represent its interest before appropriate agencies;

9 (3) Expand export opportunities for the state's small and medium-
10 sized businesses; and

11 (4) Participate in the development of international agreements that
12 affect Washington's economic interest in cooperation with the office of
13 the United States trade representative.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** A new section is added to chapter 43.06 RCW
15 to read as follows:

16 The Washington state trade representative shall:

17 (1) Consult with the department of agriculture and the various
18 agricultural commissions, created in Title 15 RCW, on the promotion of
19 Washington agricultural commodities overseas;

20 (2) Consult with the department of community, trade, and economic
21 development on the promotion of Washington manufacturing and service
22 industries overseas;

23 (3) Coordinate the activities of the state's international trade
24 offices;

25 (4) Organize, coordinate, promote, and participate in export
26 promotion events including, but not limited to, trade fairs, missions,
27 delegations, marts, seminars, and advertising;

28 (5) Develop, in consultation with the department of agriculture and
29 the department of community, trade, and economic development a five-
30 year international trade strategy that specifies how the state plans to
31 assist businesses and expand their exports overseas; and

32 (6) Advise the governor and the legislature on state activities in
33 expanding international trade opportunities for Washington businesses,
34 especially small and medium-sized businesses.

35 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** The sum of one hundred thousand dollars, or
36 as much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for the biennium

1 ending June 30, 1995, from the general fund to the office of the
2 governor for the purposes of this act.

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