

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT  
**SECOND SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5698**

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**Speaker of the  
House of Representatives**

Approved

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**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Marty Brown, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SECOND SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5698** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

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**Secretary**

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**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**

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**By** Senate Committee on Trade, Technology & Economic Development  
(originally sponsored by Senators Bluechel, Skratek, Sheldon, Williams  
and Erwin)

Read first time 01/27/94.

1 AN ACT Relating to assisting companies to adopt ISO-9000 standards;  
2 adding a new section to chapter 43.31 RCW; creating new sections; and  
3 providing an effective date.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that since the  
6 publication by the international organization for standardization of  
7 its ISO-9000 series of quality systems standards, more than twenty  
8 thousand facilities in the United Kingdom and several thousand in  
9 Europe have become registered in the standards. By comparison,  
10 currently only about four hundred United States companies have adopted  
11 the standards. The international organization for standardization is  
12 a Geneva-based organization founded in 1947 to promote standardization  
13 with a view to facilitating trade.

14 The legislature further finds that the growing world-wide  
15 acceptance by over sixty nations of the ISO-9000 series of quality  
16 systems standards, including adoption by the twelve nations of the  
17 European Community, means that more Washington companies will need to  
18 look at the adoption of ISO-9000 to remain competitive in global  
19 markets. Adoption of ISO-9000, as well as other quality systems, may

1 also help Washington companies improve quality. However, many small  
2 businesses know little about the standards or how registration is  
3 achieved.

4 It is the intent of the legislature that the department of  
5 community, trade, and economic development encourage and assist state  
6 businesses to adopt ISO-9000 and other quality systems as part of the  
7 state's strategy for global industrial competitiveness.

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 43.31 RCW  
9 to read as follows:

10 (1) The department, through its business assistance center, shall  
11 assist companies seeking to adopt ISO-9000 quality standards. The  
12 department shall:

13 (a) Prepare and disseminate information regarding ISO-9000;

14 (b) Assemble and maintain information on public and private sector  
15 individuals, organizations, educational institutions, and advanced  
16 technology centers that can provide technical assistance to firms that  
17 wish to become ISO-registered;

18 (c) Assemble and maintain information on Washington firms which  
19 have received ISO registration;

20 (d) Undertake other activities it deems necessary to execute this  
21 section;

22 (e) Survey appropriate sectors to determine the level of interest  
23 in receiving ISO-9000 certification and coordinate with the program;

24 (f) Establish a mechanism for businesses to make self-assessments  
25 of relative need to become ISO-9000 certified;

26 (g) Assist and support nonprofit organizations, and other  
27 organizations, currently providing education, screening, and  
28 certification training; and

29 (h) Coordinate the Washington program with other similar state,  
30 regional, and federal programs.

31 (2) For the purposes of this section, "ISO-9000" means the series  
32 of standards published in 1987, and subsequent revisions, by the  
33 international organization for standardization for quality assurance in  
34 design, development, production, final inspection and testing, and  
35 installation and servicing of products, processes, and services.

36 (3) For the purposes of this section, registration to the American  
37 national standards institute/American society for quality control Q90  
38 series shall be considered ISO-9000 registration.

1        NEW SECTION.   **Sec. 3.**  If specific funding for the purposes of this  
2 act, referencing this act by bill number, is not provided by June 30,  
3 1994, in the omnibus appropriations act, this act is null and void.

4        NEW SECTION.   **Sec. 4.**  This act shall take effect July 1, 1994.

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