

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1123

54th Legislature
1995 Regular Session

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Yeas 90 Nays 0

**Speaker of the
House of Representatives**

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Yeas 43 Nays 5

President of the Senate

Approved

Governor of the State of Washington

CERTIFICATE

I, Timothy A. Martin, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1123** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

Chief Clerk

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**Secretary of State
State of Washington**

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AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

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By House Committee on Trade & Economic Development (originally sponsored by Representatives Sheldon, Van Luven, Horn, Campbell, Foreman, Mason, Hatfield, Ballasiotes, Kremen, Conway, K. Schmidt, D. Schmidt, Grant, Sheahan, Chopp, Schoesler, Morris, Koster, Thibaudeau, Talcott, Valle, Wolfe, L. Thomas, Casada, Boldt, Sherstad, Huff and Mitchell)

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1 AN ACT Relating to international trade; adding a new chapter to
2 Title 43 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

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

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

7 (b) On a per capita basis, Washington state is the most
8 international trade dependent state in the nation;

9 (c) The north american free trade agreement (NAFTA) and the general
10 agreement on tariffs and trade (GATT) highlight the increased
11 importance of international trade opportunities to the United States
12 and the state of Washington;

13 (d) The passage of NAFTA and GATT will have a major impact on the
14 state's agriculture, aerospace, computer software, and textiles and
15 apparel sectors;

16 (e) There is a need to strengthen and coordinate the state's
17 activities in promoting and developing its agricultural, manufacturing,
18 and service industries overseas, especially for small and medium-sized
19 businesses, and minority and women-owned business enterprises; and

1 (f) The importance of having a coherent vision for advancing
2 Washington state's interest in the global economy has rarely been so
3 consequential as it is now.

4 (2) The legislature declares that the purpose of the office of the
5 Washington state trade representative is to strengthen and expand the
6 state's activities in marketing its goods and services overseas.

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The office of the Washington state trade
8 representative is created under the office of the governor. The office
9 shall serve as the state's official liaison with foreign governments on
10 trade matters.

11 The office of the Washington state trade representative may accept
12 or request grants or gifts from citizens and other private sources to
13 be used to defray the costs of appropriate hosting of foreign
14 dignitaries, including appropriate gift-giving and reciprocal gift-
15 giving, or other activities of the office. The office shall open and
16 maintain a bank account into which it shall deposit all money received
17 under this section. Such money and the interest accruing thereon shall
18 not constitute public funds, shall be kept segregated and apart from
19 funds of the state, and shall not be subject to appropriation or
20 allotment by the state or subject to chapter 43.88 RCW.

21 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** (1) The executive and administrative head of
22 the office of the Washington state trade representative shall be the
23 governor's special trade representative. The governor's special trade
24 representative shall be appointed by the governor with consent of the
25 senate, and shall serve at the pleasure of the governor. The
26 governor's special trade representative shall be paid a salary to be
27 fixed by the governor in accordance with RCW 43.03.040.

28 (2) The governor's special trade representative shall supervise and
29 administer the activities of the office of the Washington state trade
30 representative and shall advise the governor and legislature with
31 respect to trade matters affecting the state.

32 (3) The governor's special trade representative may establish a
33 trade advisory council to:

34 (a) Advise the governor and legislature on mechanisms for enhancing
35 the state export promotion and assistance efforts;

36 (b) Evaluate proposals for enhancement, coordination, and structure
37 of the state's activities in international trade, including but not

1 limited to proposals on new or expanded overseas trade offices, sister-
2 state relations, and new trade priorities for the state, and make
3 recommendations to the legislature and the governor on the merits of
4 such proposals; and

5 (c) Provide the special trade representative with such advice and
6 assistance as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of the office
7 of the Washington state trade representative.

8 (4) The governor's special trade representative may hire such
9 personnel as may be necessary for the general administration of the
10 office. To the extent permitted by law, state agencies may temporarily
11 assign staff to the office of the Washington state trade representative
12 to assist in carrying out the office's duties and responsibilities
13 under this chapter.

14 (5) The governor's special trade representative is authorized to:

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

18 (b) Consult with the department of community, trade, and economic
19 development on the promotion of Washington goods and services overseas.

20 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** Sections 2 and 3 of this act shall
21 constitute a new chapter in Title 43 RCW.

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