
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1283

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By House Committee on Trade & Economic Development (originally sponsored by Representatives Mason, Van Luven, Veloria, Ballasiotes, Costa, Morris, Wood, Tokuda, Kessler, Scott and Blalock)

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1 AN ACT Relating to funding for business and economic development
2 programs; 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 there is a need
5 to increase economic opportunity in economically distressed
6 communities. The legislature further finds that efforts to increase
7 economic opportunity in economically distressed communities must
8 involve a collaborative effort between community and business
9 development agencies, individual businesses, financial institutions,
10 public sector agencies, institutions of higher education, and community
11 residents. It is the intent of the legislature to support institutions
12 of higher education in the establishment of collaborative efforts to
13 increase economic opportunity in economically distressed communities.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) The University of Washington and
15 Washington State University shall conduct a study to:

16 (a) Analyze the impact of their current economic and business
17 development programs and initiatives on economically distressed
18 communities;

1 (b) Analyze the economic impacts of their business development and
2 technology transfer programs on creating economic opportunities for
3 African-American, Asian-American, Native American, Asian and Pacific
4 Islander, and Hispanic-American residents of Washington; and

5 (c) Propose changes and additions to existing economic and business
6 development programs to better serve economically distressed
7 communities and women and minority individuals and business owners.

8 (2)(a) The University of Washington and Washington State University
9 each shall form an advisory group comprised of representatives from
10 community-based organizations in distressed communities, small business
11 owners, financial institutions, insurance companies, local government,
12 and other interested groups.

13 (b) The advisory group created in this section shall be responsible
14 for the review of the data found under subsection (1) of this section.

15 (3) All administrative and clerical staffing for the task force
16 shall be provided by the University of Washington and Washington State
17 University.

18 (4) By October 15, 1997, the University of Washington and
19 Washington State University shall submit their report with findings and
20 recommendations to the appropriate legislative committees of the house
21 of representatives and the senate.

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