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SENATE BILL 5991

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By Senators Horn, Haugen and Patterson; by request of Secretary of State

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1 AN ACT Relating to quality awards; amending RCW 43.330.140; adding  
2 new sections to chapter 43.07 RCW; and recodifying RCW 43.330.140.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.330.140 and 1994 c 306 s 1 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6 (1) The Washington quality award council shall be organized as a  
7 ~~((part of the))~~ private, nonprofit corporation ~~((quality for Washington  
8 state foundation, with the assistance of the department))~~, in  
9 accordance with chapter 24.03 RCW and this section, with limited staff  
10 assistance by the secretary of state as provided by section 2 of this  
11 act.

12 ~~((1))~~ (2) The council shall oversee the governor's Washington  
13 state quality achievement award program. The purpose of the program is  
14 to improve the overall competitiveness of the state's economy by  
15 stimulating Washington state industries, business, and organizations to  
16 bring about measurable success through setting standards of  
17 organizational excellence, encouraging organizational self-assessment,  
18 identifying successful organizations as role models, and providing a  
19 valuable mechanism for promoting and strengthening a commitment to

1 continuous quality improvement in all sectors of the state's economy.  
2 The program shall annually recognize organizations that improve the  
3 quality of their products and services and are noteworthy examples of  
4 high-performing work organizations.

5 ~~((+2))~~ (3) The council shall consist of the governor and the  
6 ~~((director))~~ secretary of state, or their designees, as chair and vice-  
7 chair, respectively, and recognized professionals who shall have  
8 backgrounds in or experience with effective quality improvement  
9 techniques, employee involvement quality of work life initiatives,  
10 ~~((and))~~ development of innovative labor-management relations, and other  
11 recognized leaders in state and local government and private business.  
12 The ~~((initial))~~ membership of the board beyond the chair and vice-chair  
13 shall be appointed by the governor ~~((from a list of nominees submitted~~  
14 ~~by the quality for Washington state foundation. The list of nominees~~  
15 ~~shall include representatives from the governor's small business~~  
16 ~~improvement council, the Washington state efficiency commission, the~~  
17 ~~Washington state productivity board, the Washington state service~~  
18 ~~quality network, the association for quality and participation, the~~  
19 ~~American society for quality control, business and labor associations,~~  
20 ~~educational institutions, elected officials, and representatives from~~  
21 ~~former recipients of international, national, or state quality awards))~~  
22 for terms of three years.

23 ~~((+3))~~ (4) The council shall establish a board of examiners, a  
24 recognition committee, and such other subcouncil groups as it deems  
25 appropriate to carry out its responsibilities. Subcouncil groups  
26 established by the council may be composed of noncouncilmembers.

27 ~~((+4) The council shall receive its administrative support and~~  
28 ~~operational expenses from the quality for Washington state~~  
29 ~~foundation.))~~

30 (5) The council shall~~((, in conjunction with the quality for~~  
31 ~~Washington state foundation,))~~ compile a list of resources available  
32 for organizations interested in productivity improvement, quality  
33 techniques, effective methods of work organization, and upgrading work  
34 force skills as a part of the quality for Washington state foundation's  
35 ongoing educational programs. The council shall make the list of  
36 resources available to the general public~~((, including labor, business,~~  
37 ~~nonprofit and public agencies, and the department)).~~

38 (6) The council~~((, in conjunction with the quality for Washington~~  
39 ~~state foundation,))~~ may conduct such public information, research,

1 education, and assistance programs as it deems appropriate to further  
2 quality improvement in organizations operating in the state of  
3 Washington.

4 (7) The council shall:

5 (a) Approve and announce achievement award recipients;

6 (b) Approve guidelines to examine applicant organizations;

7 (c) Approve appointment of judges and examiners;

8 (d) Arrange appropriate annual awards and recognition for  
9 recipients, in conjunction with the quality for Washington state  
10 foundation;

11 (e) Formulate recommendations for change in the nomination form or  
12 award categories, in cooperation with the quality for Washington state  
13 foundation; and

14 (f) Review any related education, training, technology transfer,  
15 and research initiatives proposed (~~by the quality for Washington state~~  
16 ~~foundation~~) to it, and that it determines merits such a review.

17 (8) By January 1st of each even-numbered year, the council shall  
18 report to the governor and the appropriate committees of the  
19 legislature on its activities in the proceeding two years and on any  
20 recommendations in state policies or programs that could encourage  
21 quality improvement and the development of high-performance work  
22 organizations.

23 (9) The council shall cease to exist on July 1, 2004, unless  
24 otherwise extended by law.

25 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 43.07 RCW  
26 to read as follows:

27 (1) The secretary of state shall provide administrative assistance  
28 and support to the Washington quality award council only to the extent  
29 that the legislature appropriates funds specifically designated for  
30 this purpose. The secretary of state has no duty to provide assistance  
31 or support except to the extent specifically provided by appropriation.

32 (2) The Washington quality award council may develop private  
33 sources of funding, including the establishment of a private  
34 foundation. Except as provided in subsection (1) of this section, the  
35 council shall receive all administrative support and expenses through  
36 private sources of funding and arrangements with a private foundation.  
37 Public funds shall not be used to purchase awards, be distributed as  
38 awards, or be utilized for any expenses of the board of examiners,

1 recognition committee, and such other subcouncil groups as the council  
2 may establish. Public funds shall not be used to pay overtime or  
3 travel expenses of secretary of state staff, for purposes related to  
4 the council, unless funded by specific appropriation.

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** RCW 43.330.140 is recodified as a section in  
6 chapter 43.07 RCW.

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