

2 EHB 2648 - S COMM AMD  
3 By Committee on State & Local Government

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5 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the  
6 following:

7 "Sec. 1. RCW 43.07.290 and 1998 c 245 s 86 are each amended to  
8 read as follows:

9 (1) The Washington quality award council shall be organized as a  
10 private, nonprofit corporation, in accordance with chapter 24.03 RCW  
11 and this section(~~(, with limited staff assistance by the secretary of~~  
12 ~~state as provided by RCW 43.07.295))~~).

13 (2) The council shall oversee the governor's Washington state  
14 quality ((achievement)) award program. The purpose of the program is  
15 to improve the overall competitiveness of the state's economy by  
16 stimulating Washington state industries, business, and organizations to  
17 bring about measurable success through setting standards of  
18 organizational excellence, encouraging organizational self-assessment,  
19 identifying successful organizations as role models, and providing a  
20 valuable mechanism for promoting and strengthening a commitment to  
21 continuous quality improvement in all sectors of the state's economy.  
22 The ((program)) governor shall annually ((recognize)) present the award  
23 to organizations that improve the quality of their products and  
24 services and are noteworthy examples of high-performing work  
25 organizations, as determined by the council in consultation with the  
26 governor or appointed representative.

27 (3) The ((council shall consist of the governor and the secretary  
28 of state, or their designees, as chair and vice chair, respectively,  
29 the director of the department of community, trade, and economic  
30 development, or his or her designee, and twenty-seven members appointed  
31 by the)) governor shall appoint a representative to serve on the board  
32 of directors of the council. ((Those twenty-seven council members must  
33 be selected from recognized professionals who shall have backgrounds in  
34 or experience with effective quality improvement techniques, employee  
35 involvement quality of work life initiatives, development of innovative  
36 labor-management relations, and other recognized leaders in state and

1 local government and private business. The membership of the board  
2 beyond the chair and vice chair shall be appointed by the governor for  
3 terms of three years.))

4 (4) The council shall establish a board of examiners, a recognition  
5 committee, and such other ((subcouncil groups)) committees or subgroups  
6 as it deems appropriate to carry out its responsibilities.  
7 ((Subcouncil groups established by the council may be composed of  
8 noncouncilmembers.))

9 (5) ((The council shall compile a list of resources available for  
10 organizations interested in productivity improvement, quality  
11 techniques, effective methods of work organization, and upgrading work  
12 force skills as a part of the quality for Washington state foundation's  
13 ongoing educational programs. The council shall make the list of  
14 resources available to the general public.

15 (6)) The council may conduct such public information, research,  
16 education, and assistance programs as it deems appropriate to further  
17 quality improvement in organizations operating in the state of  
18 Washington.

19 ((7)) (6) The council shall:

20 (a) Approve and announce ((achievement)) award recipients;

21 (b) Approve guidelines to examine applicant organizations;

22 (c) Approve appointment of ((judges and)) board of examiners; and

23 (d) Arrange appropriate annual awards and recognition for  
24 recipients((, in conjunction with the quality for Washington state  
25 foundation;

26 (e) Formulate recommendations for change in the nomination form or  
27 award categories, in cooperation with the quality for Washington state  
28 foundation; and

29 (f) Review any related education, training, technology transfer,  
30 and research initiatives proposed to it, and that it determines merit  
31 such a review.

32 (8) By January 1st of each even numbered year, the council may  
33 report to the governor and the appropriate committees of the  
34 legislature on its activities in the proceeding two years and on any  
35 recommendations in state policies or programs that could encourage  
36 quality improvement and the development of high performance work  
37 organizations.

38 (9) The council shall cease to exist on July 1, 1999, unless  
39 otherwise extended by law)).

