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1 AN ACT Relating to job training; adding a new section to chapter
2 43.330 RCW; and making appropriations.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 43.330 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) The department shall establish the Washington jobs initiative
7 program. The department shall provide grants to local governments for
8 the purpose of creating local programs designed to achieve livable wage
9 jobs and promote retention and upward mobility for low-income job
10 seekers by supplying regional employers with qualified workers and by
11 working on job and job-related system improvements.

12 (2) Grants awarded under this section shall be used to develop
13 strategies that:

14 (a) Assist unemployed and underemployed residents to obtain livable
15 wage jobs in targeted sectors in the regional economy;

16 (b) Help low-income residents access job opportunities with
17 businesses that benefit local government-led economic development
18 efforts by establishing first-source and voluntary hiring agreements
19 with those businesses;

1 (c) Create pathways to employment that are longer term and more
2 intensive for residents that are harder to serve due to chronic
3 unemployment or lack of work experience; and

4 (d) Coordinate services of the public and private sector and
5 community organizations to provide outreach, recruitment, and job
6 readiness services to low-income job seekers.

7 (3) The department shall develop, by rule, guidelines regarding the
8 amount of funds awarded to local governments, performance evaluation
9 standards, and other guidelines the department deems necessary for the
10 administration of this section.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) The sum of one million dollars, or as
12 much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for the fiscal year
13 ending June 30, 2000, from the general fund to the department of
14 community, trade, and economic development for the purposes of section
15 1 of this act.

16 (2) The sum of one million dollars, or as much thereof as may be
17 necessary, is appropriated for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2001,
18 from the general fund to the department of community, trade, and
19 economic development for the purposes of section 1 of this act.

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