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SECOND SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1686

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1 AN ACT Relating to local economic development cooperatives;  
2 amending RCW 43.63A.075; and adding a new section to chapter 43.330  
3 RCW.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.63A.075 and 1993 c 280 s 59 are each amended to  
6 read as follows:

7 The department shall establish a community development finance  
8 program. Pursuant to this program, the department shall, in  
9 cooperation with the local economic development council: (1) Develop  
10 expertise in federal, state, and local community and economic  
11 development programs; and (2) assist communities and businesses to  
12 secure available financing. To the extent permitted by federal law,  
13 the department is encouraged to use federal community block grant funds  
14 to make urban development action grants to communities which have not  
15 been eligible to receive such grants prior to June 30, 1984.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 43.330 RCW  
17 to read as follows:

1 (1) There is established in the department a grant program to  
2 support business recruitment efforts. The purpose of the program is to  
3 assist local associate development organizations in business  
4 recruitment efforts by providing grants to assist in marketing the area  
5 to businesses on a national and international basis.

6 (2) Applications for funding under this section must:

7 (a) Be submitted by either a local associate development  
8 organization or a consortium of associate development organizations;

9 (b) Contain evidence of active participation in the development of  
10 the business recruitment effort between local governments, the  
11 community, and other local development organizations that serve the  
12 region;

13 (c) Contain a description of the proposed project and how it will  
14 assist the region in its business recruitment efforts; and

15 (d) Contain other information the director deems necessary.

16 (3) In making grants under this section, the department shall give  
17 preference to applications based on the following criteria:

18 (a) The degree of leverage of other funds, including in-kind match,  
19 committed to the project;

20 (b) The degree of community support for the proposed project; and

21 (c) The degree the proposed project is coordinated with existing  
22 state or local business recruitment efforts.

23 (4) The funding of an activity under this section is not an  
24 obligation of the state of Washington to provide ongoing funding in  
25 future years.

26 (5) The director may establish, by rule, such other requirements as  
27 the director may reasonably determine necessary and appropriate to  
28 assure that the purpose of this section is satisfied.

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