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By Representatives Veloria, Dunn, Eickmeyer and Santos; by request of Lieutenant Governor

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1 AN ACT Relating to economic analysis; and adding a new section to  
2 chapter 43.330 RCW.

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) There is created in the department an office of economic  
7 analysis. The office shall provide information on economic trends and  
8 indicators to businesses and industries to assist them in their  
9 marketing efforts on a national and international basis and to  
10 communities to assist them in their efforts to market their communities  
11 to businesses.

12 (2) The office shall:

13 (a) Collect, analyze, and make available economic trend and  
14 indicator information on international, national, and local markets to  
15 interested industry groups, businesses, and communities;

16 (b) Provide technical assistance to industry clusters, industry  
17 associations, and individual businesses that want to export their goods  
18 and services, emphasizing small and medium-sized businesses;

1 (c) Provide technical assistance to local governments and local  
2 economic development organizations to assist them in their business  
3 recruitment efforts;

4 (d) Work with the office of the Washington state trade  
5 representative, created under chapter 43.332 RCW, to identify markets  
6 for goods and services provided by Washington businesses, in particular  
7 emerging and strategic markets;

8 (e) Collect and analyze information on the effects of state  
9 economic development incentives and programs on economic growth in the  
10 state, emphasizing areas within rural counties and inner cities;

11 (f) Work with state agencies on the coordination and dissemination  
12 of information on economic trends and indicators;

13 (g) Advise the governor and director on policy matters that impact  
14 trade and economic development efforts at the state and local level;  
15 and

16 (h) Conduct other activities that the director deems necessary to  
17 carry out the purposes of this section.

18 (3) As used in this section, "industry cluster" has the same  
19 meaning as in RCW 43.330.090.

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