
HOUSE BILL 3147

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By Representatives Veloria and Campbell

Read first time . Referred to Committee on .

1 AN ACT Relating to the Washington state trade representative;
2 amending RCW 43.332.005 and 43.332.010; and adding a new section to
3 chapter 43.332 RCW.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.332.005 and 1995 c 350 s 1 are each amended to read
6 as follows:

7 (1) The legislature finds that:

8 (a) The expansion of international trade is vital to the overall
9 growth of Washington's economy;

10 (b) On a per capita basis, Washington state is the most
11 international trade dependent state in the nation;

12 (c) The North American free trade agreement (NAFTA) and the general
13 agreement on tariffs and trade (GATT) highlight the increased
14 importance of international trade opportunities to the United States
15 and the state of Washington;

16 (d) The passage of NAFTA and GATT will have a major impact on the
17 state's agriculture, aerospace, computer software, and textiles and
18 apparel sectors;

1 (e) There is a need to strengthen and coordinate the state's
2 activities in promoting and developing its agricultural, manufacturing,
3 and service industries overseas, especially for small and medium-sized
4 businesses, and minority and women-owned business enterprises; and

5 (f) The importance of having a coherent vision for advancing
6 Washington state's interest in the global economy has rarely been so
7 consequential as it is now.

8 (2) The legislature declares that the purpose of the office of the
9 Washington state trade representative is to:

10 (a) Strengthen and expand the state's activities in marketing its
11 goods and services overseas; and

12 (b) Review and analyze proposed international trade agreements to
13 access their impact on goods and services produced by Washington
14 businesses.

15 **Sec. 2.** RCW 43.332.010 and 1995 c 350 s 2 are each amended to read
16 as follows:

17 (1) The office of the Washington state trade representative is
18 created under the office of the governor. The office shall serve as
19 the state's official liaison with foreign governments on trade matters.

20 ~~((The office of the Washington state trade representative may~~
21 ~~accept or request grants or gifts from citizens and other private~~
22 ~~sources to be used to defray the costs of appropriate hosting of~~
23 ~~foreign dignitaries, including appropriate gift giving and reciprocal~~
24 ~~gift giving, or other activities of the office. The office shall open~~
25 ~~and maintain a bank account into which it shall deposit all money~~
26 ~~received under this section. Such money and the interest accruing~~
27 ~~thereon shall not constitute public funds, shall be kept segregated and~~
28 ~~apart from funds of the state, and shall not be subject to~~
29 ~~appropriation or allotment by the state or subject to chapter 43.88~~
30 ~~RCW.))~~

31 (2) The office shall:

32 (a) Review and analyze proposed and enacted international trade
33 agreements and provide an assessment of the impact of a proposed
34 agreement on Washington businesses and firms;

35 (b) Study the social and environmental impact of proposed and
36 enacted trade agreements and report to the governor and appropriate
37 committees of the legislature on the office's findings;

1 (c) Work with the international trade division of the department of
2 community, trade, and economic development and the international
3 marketing program of the department of agriculture to develop a state-
4 wide trade strategy designed to increase the export of Washington goods
5 and services, particularly goods and services from small and medium-
6 sized businesses and women and minority business enterprises; and
7 (d) Conduct other activities the governor deems necessary to
8 promote international trade within the state.

9 NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. A new section is added to chapter 43.332 RCW
10 to read as follows:

11 The office of the Washington state trade representative may accept
12 or request grants or gifts from citizens and other private sources to
13 be used to defray the costs of appropriate hosting of foreign
14 dignitaries, including appropriate gift-giving and reciprocal gift-
15 giving, or other activities of the office. The office shall open and
16 maintain a bank account into which it shall deposit all money received
17 under this section. The money and any accrued interest shall not
18 constitute public funds, shall be kept segregated and apart from funds
19 of the state, and shall not be subject to appropriation or allotment by
20 the state or subject to chapter 43.88 RCW.

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