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By Senate Committee on Commerce, Trade, Housing & Financial Institutions (originally sponsored by Senators Shin, Prentice, T. Sheldon, Jacobsen, Patterson, Benton, Finkbeiner, Spanel, Rasmussen, Goings, Haugen, Snyder, Hargrove, Gardner, Heavey, Winsley, Franklin, Bauer and McAuliffe)

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1 AN ACT Relating to the creation of a state plan for economic
2 development; adding a new section to chapter 43.31 RCW; and creating a
3 new section.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** Economic development programs are vital to
6 the maintenance and expansion of family wage employment, state revenue,
7 and general economic well-being. These programs include work force
8 training, industrial modernization, business recruitment and retention,
9 infrastructure development, and export assistance. The purpose of this
10 act is to develop and maintain an economic plan, using existing data
11 and analyses, as well as developing new strategies to maximize and
12 coordinate public and private economic development initiatives.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 43.31 RCW
14 to read as follows:

15 (1)(a) The department of community, trade, and economic development
16 shall create and maintain an economic development plan for the state of
17 Washington. The initial plan shall be delivered to the legislature by
18 September 15, 2000, and shall be updated every two years thereafter.

1 As used in this section, "plan" means the state plan for economic
2 development required by this subsection.

3 (b) The plan shall be based on a study and review of economic
4 development issues, including work force training, industrial
5 modernization, business recruitment and retention, technology
6 diffusion, sustainable development, export assistance, tourism,
7 investment, and entrepreneurial development.

8 (c) The plan shall also be based on a review of current state and
9 local policies and programs that promote or affect economic development
10 and a determination of their cost-effectiveness, level of cooperation
11 with other public and private programs, and consistency with
12 sustainable development precepts.

13 (d) The plan shall also be based on the comprehensive work force
14 development plan developed by the work force training and education
15 coordinating board.

16 (2) The department's research, analysis, and consultation in
17 preparation of the plan may include, but is not limited to:

18 (a) An analysis of economic development policies and programs of
19 other states and nations;

20 (b) An analysis of the impact of various business or industrial
21 sectors on the state's economy;

22 (c) An analysis of economic trends within the state and with
23 regional and primary international trading partners; and

24 (d) Consultation with key individuals and groups within the private
25 sector including representatives of business and labor, the nonprofit
26 sector, and the academic community.

27 (3) The plan shall include any proposals for legislation and
28 administrative actions and plans necessary for its implementation.

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