

2285-S

Sponsor(s): House Committee on Economic Development, Housing & Trade (originally sponsored by Representatives Van Luven, Veloria, Ballasiotes, Morris, Kenney, H. Sommers, Radcliff, Dunn, D. Schmidt, McDonald, O'Brien, Skinner, Hankins, Campbell and Esser; by request of Governor Locke)

Brief Title: Creating the department of community development and the department of trade and economic development.

**HB 2285-S - DIGEST**

(NOT SUBSTITUTED FOR - SEE ORIGINAL BILL)

Declares that the purpose of this act is to effectively organize state efforts to address the community and economic development needs of the citizens of the state of Washington by restructuring the department of community, trade, and economic development into two separate agencies, the department of community development and the department of trade and economic development. The department of trade and economic development will consist of the existing divisions of economic development, international trade, and energy. The department of community development will consist of the existing divisions of housing, community services, and local government.

Authorizes the department to designate up to an additional three areas as community empowerment zones, one of which shall be east of the Cascade mountains.

Repeals RCW 43.330.005, 43.330.007, 43.330.010, 43.330.900, and 43.31.800.