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Sponsor(s): Senators Patterson, Prentice, Hale, Winsley, Deccio, Roach, Sheahan, T. Sheldon, Bauer, Rasmussen, Gardner, Thibaudeau and Oke; by request of Governor Locke

Brief Description: Splitting the department of community, trade, and economic development and reestablishing the department of community development and the department of trade and economic development.

**SB 6396 - DIGEST**

(SUBSTITUTED FOR - SEE 1ST SUB)

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, energy policy, and international trade. The department of community development will consist of the existing divisions of housing, community services, and local government.

Declares an intent that the restructuring will allow each agency to: (1) Identify and develop a focused mission;

(2) organize and deliver services in a manner that is responsive to current and future needs; and

(3) effectively target resources to meet the identified mission and needs of the citizens of the state of Washington in the most efficient and effective manner.