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1 AN ACT Relating to the Washington progress board; adding a new
2 section to chapter 43.330 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that:

5 (1) The Washington economy of the future can provide unparalleled
6 opportunity while maintaining Washington's traditional values if this
7 state pursues the future with clarity of purpose and perseverance.

8 (2) The Washington economy is in the midst of a massive transition
9 created by technological changes, global competition, and new
10 production practices.

11 (3) In order to maintain employment opportunities, increase income
12 levels, reduce poverty, and generate the public revenues needed to
13 provide public services, Washington must increasingly rely on an
14 economy that adds value to its natural resources and provides a diverse
15 mix of products.

16 (4) A Washington progress board is needed to:

17 (a) Encourage the discussion and understanding of critical global
18 and national economic trends that will affect the Washington economy in
19 the coming decades;

1 (b) Formulate and submit to Washingtonians a strategy that
2 describes and explains a vision for Washington's economic progress over
3 the next twenty to thirty years; and

4 (c) Submit to the legislature, for enactment, goals for
5 Washington's progress, including measurable indicators of the
6 achievement of those goals, as provided for in section 2 of this act.

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 43.330 RCW
8 to read as follows:

9 (1) The Washington progress board is created, consisting of the
10 governor, nine members appointed by the governor, and the director of
11 the department of general administration, who shall be a nonvoting ex
12 officio member.

13 (2)(a) Of the initial appointed members, four shall serve for terms
14 ending January 31, 2004, and five shall serve for terms ending January
15 31, 2006. Except for initial appointments, the terms of appointed
16 members shall be four years. Members may be reappointed.

17 (b)(i) Members of the board shall be representative of the ethnic,
18 cultural, social, and economic diversity of the people of Washington.

19 (ii) Five of the appointed members of the board shall be residents
20 of different congressional districts in the state.

21 (c) Members of the board are entitled to travel expenses in
22 accordance with RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.

23 (3) The governor shall serve as chair of the board and may appoint
24 an executive officer for the board for a term and with such duties and
25 powers as the board determines to be necessary or appropriate.

26 (4) A majority of the members of the board constitutes a quorum for
27 the transaction of business.

28 (5) The board shall meet together as a board as the board
29 determines necessary at times and places specified by call of the chair
30 or a majority of the members of the board.

31 (6) The department of community, trade, and economic development,
32 office of community development, shall provide clerical, technical, and
33 management personnel to the board to serve as the board's staff.

34 (7)(a) The board shall develop a strategy that addresses the
35 economic, social, cultural, environmental, and other needs and
36 aspirations of the people of Washington. The strategy shall address
37 issues that the board determines are necessary and appropriate to
38 Washington's future. Such issues shall include:

1 (i) Education and work force;
2 (ii) Public and private cooperation;
3 (iii) Environmental quality;
4 (iv) Infrastructure;
5 (v) Funding and taxation;
6 (vi) Organizational excellence; and
7 (vii) Such other issues as the board, by majority vote, adds to the
8 strategy.

9 (b) When developing the strategy, the board shall hold public
10 hearings, public meetings, and workshops as needed to ensure the
11 participation of a broad cross section of Washington's population. The
12 board shall publicize the public hearings, public meetings, and
13 workshops in each city in which they are held and shall allow
14 interested residents and other individuals to appear and be heard by
15 the board.

16 (c) After considering any written comments and public testimony
17 relating to the proposed strategy, the board shall revise the strategy
18 as it considers necessary or appropriate. The board, by a vote of a
19 majority of its members, shall approve and adopt a final strategy. The
20 board shall submit, in addition to its adopted strategy, a summary and
21 digest of comments and public testimony and its response, if any, to
22 those comments. The adopted strategy shall be submitted to the
23 legislature not later than December 1, 2008, and every six years
24 thereafter.

25 (8) As a part of the strategy adopted under subsection (7) of this
26 section, the board shall also adopt a recommended implementation plan.
27 The plan shall include recommendations for statutory or other changes
28 the board considers appropriate, modifications in public fiscal and
29 spending policies, including the allocation of lottery revenues, and
30 also recommendations for implementing actions to be carried out by
31 local governments, businesses, private citizens, and other
32 organizations.

33 (9)(a) The board shall, in its adopted strategy, include a series
34 of goals for Washington's progress over the next two to three decades.

35 (b) Goals shall include such measurable indicators of attainment,
36 as the board shall determine, that show the extent to which each goal
37 is being achieved.

38 (c) Goals shall be reviewed by the legislature, which may propose
39 legislation that enacts the goals as recommended or that modifies,

1 deletes, or adds to the goals. Any goals enacted by the legislature
2 shall become the goals used by the board in its subsequent activities.

3 (d) After enactment, the board may recommend to the legislature
4 such modifications to the goals as it considers appropriate.

5 (10) The board shall prepare, at least once each biennium, a report
6 that describes progress toward achievement of the board's strategy,
7 based on the specific indicators the board adopts for measuring the
8 attainment of strategic goals. The report shall include an analysis of
9 issues and trends of strategic significance and shall propose an agenda
10 that identifies key steps that Washington should take over the
11 following two years to build for Washington's future. In developing
12 the report required by this section, the board shall consider the
13 criteria in this section.

14 (11) The board may adopt rules in accordance with chapter 34.05
15 RCW.

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