
SENATE BILL 6632

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By Senators Prentice, Hochstatter, Keiser, Honeyford, Franklin, Gardner, Regala, Benton, Rasmussen, Kline, Fraser, Carlson, Parlette, Kohl-Welles and Roach

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1 AN ACT Relating to international trade; adding a new chapter to
2 Title 44 RCW; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** International trade is an important part of
5 Washington's economy; Washington is the fifth largest exporting state
6 in the nation. World Trade Organization agreements and the North
7 American Free Trade Agreement have implications for Washington state
8 laws governing agriculture, services, environmental regulation, and
9 economic subsidies. In addition, future trade agreements such as the
10 proposed Free Trade Area of the Americas may also impact Washington
11 state. The purpose of the legislative committee on globalization and
12 trade agreements is to monitor the impact of these trade agreements on
13 Washington state laws, and to provide a mechanism for legislators and
14 citizens to voice their opinions and concerns about the potential
15 impacts of these trade agreements to state and federal government
16 officials.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A legislative committee on globalization and
18 trade agreements is created, to consist of four senators and four

1 representatives from the legislature. The president of the senate
2 shall appoint the senate members of the committee, and the speaker of
3 the house shall appoint the house members of the committee. No more
4 than two members from each house may be from the same political party.
5 A list of appointees must be submitted by July 1, 2002, and before the
6 close of each regular session during an even-numbered year. Vacancies
7 on the committee will be filled by appointment by the remaining
8 members. All such vacancies must be filled from the same political
9 party and from the same house as the member whose seat was vacated.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The committee shall appoint its own chair
11 and other officers and make rules for orderly procedure.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** The committee has the following powers and
13 duties:

14 (1) At least once a year, hear public testimony on the impacts of
15 international trade agreements on Washington state and submit an annual
16 report to the state trade representative's office and to the
17 legislature regarding the public testimony;

18 (2) Maintain active communication with the state trade
19 representative's office, the United States trade representative's
20 office, Washington's congressional delegation, and any other bodies the
21 committee deems appropriate regarding ongoing developments in
22 international trade agreements and policy;

23 (3) Conduct an annual assessment of the impacts of international
24 trade agreements upon Washington law and submit the report to the
25 legislature;

26 (4) Examine any aspects of international trade, globalization,
27 international economic integration, and trade agreements that the
28 members deem appropriate.

29 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** The committee will receive the necessary
30 staff support from both the senate and house staff resources.

31 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** The members of the committee shall serve
32 without additional compensation, but will be reimbursed for their
33 travel expenses, in accordance with RCW 44.04.120, incurred while
34 attending sessions of the committee or meetings of a subcommittee of
35 the committee, while engaged on other committee business authorized by

1 the committee, and while going to and coming from committee sessions or
2 committee meetings.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** Sections 1 through 6 of this act constitute
4 a new chapter in Title 44 RCW.

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 8.** Section 2 of this act is necessary for the
6 immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or
7 support of the state government and its existing public institutions,
8 and takes effect immediately.

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