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Sponsor(s): Representatives Mulliken and Veloria

Brief Description: Revising provisions for the office of the Washington state trade representative.

HB 2075 - DIGEST

Declares that the purpose of the office of the Washington state trade representative is to review and analyze proposed international trade agreements to assess their impact on goods and services produced by Washington businesses.

Declares that the office shall: (1) Review and analyze proposed and enacted international trade agreements and provide an assessment of the impact of the proposed or enacted agreement on Washington's businesses and firms;

(2) Provide input to the office of the United States trade representative in the development of international trade, commodity, and direct investment policies that reflect the concerns of the state of Washington;

(3) Work with the international trade division of the department of community, trade, and economic development and the international marketing program of the Washington state department of agriculture to develop a statewide strategy designed to increase the export of Washington goods and services, particularly goods and services from small and medium-sized businesses; and

(4) Conduct other activities the governor deems necessary to promote international trade and foreign investment within the state.

Directs the office to prepare and submit an annual report on its activities under this act to the governor and appropriate committees of the legislature.