

HOUSE BILL REPORT

HB 1179

As Passed House:

February 28, 2003

Title: An act relating to modifying the name of the legislative committee on economic development.

Brief Description: Renaming the legislative committee on economic development the legislative committee on economic development and international relations.

Sponsors: By Representatives Veloria, Roach, Bush, Kenney, Kessler, Grant and Chase; by request of Lieutenant Governor.

Brief History:

Committee Activity:

Trade & Economic Development: 2/4/03, 2/7/03 [DP].

Floor Activity:

Passed House: 2/28/03, 95-0.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Changes the name of the Legislative Committee on Economic Development to the Legislative Committee on Economic Development and International Relations.

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRADE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Majority Report: Do pass. Signed by 11 members: Representatives Veloria, Chair; Eickmeyer, Vice Chair; Skinner, Ranking Minority Member; McDonald, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Blake, Chase, Condotta, Kristiansen, McCoy, Pettigrew and Priest.

Staff: Tracey Taylor (786-7196).

Background:

The Legislative Committee on Economic Development (Committee) was created in 1985. The purpose of the Committee is to provide responsive and consistent involvement by the Legislature in economic development to maintain a healthy state economy and to provide

employment opportunities to Washington residents.

The Committee consists of six state senators and six state representatives and the Lieutenant Governor, who serves as the Committee's chairperson. The Committee may establish subcommittees, including a subcommittee on international trade and a subcommittee on industrial development.

The Committee is authorized to study and review economic development issues, including international trade, tourism, investment and industrial development. The Committee is to assist the Legislature in developing a comprehensive and consistent economic development policy.

Summary of Bill:

The Legislative Committee on Economic Development shall be called the Legislative Committee on Economic Development and International Relations.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not Requested.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

Testimony For: This change will make the Committee name more consistent with the work they are doing.

Testimony Against: None.

Testified: Lieutenant Governor Brad Owen; Miguel Velasquez, Consulate of Peru; and Jorge Medrano, Consulate of Mexico.