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**By** House Committee on Trade & Economic Development (originally sponsored by Representatives Skinner, Voloria, Sehlin, Pettigrew, McDonald, Schual-Berke, McCoy, McDermott, Linville, Upthegrove and Conway)

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1 AN ACT Relating to establishing the Washington state economic  
2 development commission to replace the governor's small business  
3 improvement council; adding a new section to chapter 43.175 RCW; and  
4 repealing RCW 43.175.010, 43.175.020, and 43.175.901.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 43.175 RCW  
7 to read as follows:

8 (1) The Washington state economic development commission is  
9 established to oversee the economic development strategies and policies  
10 of the department of community, trade, and economic development.

11 (2) The Washington state economic development commission shall  
12 consist of at least eleven and no more than fifteen members appointed  
13 by the governor, subject to confirmation of the senate.

14 (a) In making the appointments, the governor shall consult with  
15 organizations that have an interest in economic development, including,  
16 but not limited to, associations, labor organizations, minority

1 business associations, tribes, and the chairs of the legislative  
2 committees with jurisdiction over economic development.

3 (b) No member may serve more than one year without senate  
4 confirmation.

5 (c) The governor shall select the chair.

6 (d) The members serve at the pleasure of the governor for six-year  
7 terms. Of the initial members, three must be appointed for two-year  
8 terms, three must be appointed for four-year terms, and the remainder  
9 must be appointed for six-year terms. Thereafter, members must be  
10 appointed for six-year terms.

11 (e) The members shall represent eastern Washington, central  
12 Washington, southwest Washington, the peninsula, central Puget Sound,  
13 and northern Puget Sound and reflect the state's various business  
14 sectors.

15 (f) The members shall represent the broad geographic and ethnic  
16 diversity of the state, embody the importance of businesswomen, and  
17 reflect the state's various business and labor sectors. Members of the  
18 commission shall serve statewide interests while preserving their  
19 diverse perspectives, and shall be recognized leaders in their fields  
20 with demonstrated experience in disciplines related to economic  
21 development.

22 (g) At least seven members must be selected from private businesses  
23 within Washington state, with at least two of those members  
24 representing small businesses.

25 (h) The members must include two senators and two representatives  
26 from the legislature. The president of the senate shall appoint the  
27 senate members of the commission, and the speaker of the house of  
28 representatives shall appoint the house of representatives members of  
29 the commission. There should be representation from each of the two  
30 largest political parties in the senate and the house of  
31 representatives. Vacancies will be filled from the same political  
32 party and the same house as the member whose seat was vacated. The  
33 appointment process for the vacancy will be accomplished in the same  
34 manner as the initial appointment.

35 (3) The Washington state economic development commission shall  
36 perform the following duties:

37 (a) Review and periodically update the state's economic development

1 strategy and performance measures, and perform an annual evaluation of  
2 the strategy;

3 (b) Provide policy direction to the department of community, trade,  
4 and economic development;

5 (c) Identify policies and programs to assist Washington's small  
6 businesses;

7 (d) Assist the department of community, trade, and economic  
8 development with the procurement and deployment of private funds for  
9 business development, recruitment, and promotion; and

10 (e) Provide planning and strategic and programmatic direction to  
11 the department of community, trade, and economic development, with  
12 specific emphasis on the following:

13 (i) Development of strategies that promote business retention,  
14 expansion, and creation within the state;

15 (ii) Development of strategies that promote the growth and success  
16 of Washington's small businesses;

17 (iii) Development of marketing strategies for the global  
18 marketplace that promote products and services of the state; and

19 (iv) Development of strategies to enhance relationships and  
20 cooperation between local governments, economic development councils,  
21 state agencies, and the legislature.

22 (4) Staffing for the Washington state economic development  
23 commission shall be provided by the department of community, trade, and  
24 economic development or other state agencies as appropriate, and within  
25 existing resources and operations.

26 (5) Creation of the Washington state economic development  
27 commission shall not be construed to modify any authority or budgetary  
28 responsibility of the governor or the department of community, trade,  
29 and economic development.

30 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The following acts or parts of acts are each  
31 repealed:

32 (1) RCW 43.175.010 (Governor's small business improvement council--  
33 Established--Membership--Travel expenses--Staff support and  
34 administrative assistance) and 1987 c 348 s 6, 1985 c 466 s 62, & 1984  
35 c 282 s 7;

36 (2) RCW 43.175.020 (Duties) and 1998 c 245 s 53, 1987 c 348 s 7,

1 1985 c 466 s 63, & 1984 c 282 s 8; and

2 (3) RCW 43.175.901 (Severability--1984 c 282) and 1984 c 282 s 17.

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