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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 nine and no more than fifteen members appointed by
13 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
17 business associations, tribes, and the chairs of the legislative
18 committees with jurisdiction over economic development.

1 (b) No member may serve more than one year without senate
2 confirmation.

3 (c) The governor shall select the chair.

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

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

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

20 (g) At least seven members must be selected from private businesses
21 within Washington state.

22 (3) The Washington state economic development commission shall
23 perform the following duties:

24 (a) Review and periodically update the state's economic development
25 strategy and performance measures, and perform an annual evaluation of
26 the strategy;

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

29 (c) Assist the department of community, trade, and economic
30 development with the procurement and deployment of private funds for
31 business development, recruitment, and promotion; and

32 (d) Provide planning and strategic and programmatic direction to
33 the department of community, trade, and economic development, with
34 specific emphasis on the following:

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

37 (ii) Development of marketing strategies for the global marketplace
38 that promote products and services of the state; and

1 (iii) Development of strategies to enhance relationships and
2 cooperation between local governments, economic development councils,
3 state agencies, and the legislature.

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

8 (5) Creation of the Washington state economic development
9 commission shall not be construed to modify any authority or budgetary
10 responsibility of the governor or the department of community, trade,
11 and economic development.

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

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

18 (2) RCW 43.175.020 (Duties) and 1998 c 245 s 53, 1987 c 348 s 7,
19 1985 c 466 s 63, & 1984 c 282 s 8; and

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

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