
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2164

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By House Committee on Commerce & Labor (originally sponsored by Representatives Conway, Wood and Kenney)

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1 AN ACT Relating to the Washington manufacturing advisory
2 partnership; adding a new section to chapter 44.04 RCW; and creating a
3 new section.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that manufacturing
6 remains a vital component of the Washington economy. The manufacturing
7 sector accounts for thirteen percent of all employment in Washington,
8 provides sixteen percent of total wages in the state, and supports
9 high-wage jobs. The average wage in manufacturing is routinely the
10 highest of all major industry groups. Manufacturing also has a
11 significant multiplier effect; every manufacturing job adds another one
12 and one-half to three jobs to the region's economy.

13 The legislature also recognizes that manufacturing has long been
14 subject to the ups and downs of market cycles, and the pressures of an
15 increasingly competitive global market. In addition, manufacturing in
16 Washington has suffered the effects of national and state recessions,
17 and soft global markets for specific products such as aircraft and
18 electronics. In recent years, manufacturing employment has declined.

1 The consequence of this downward trend on the Washington economy is
2 significant by reducing personal income and local tax revenues.

3 For these reasons, the legislature declares that new efforts aimed
4 at revitalizing the manufacturing sector are essential. Therefore, a
5 collaborative partnership of stakeholders should be convened to direct
6 research and advise stakeholders on how best to revitalize the
7 manufacturing sector.

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 44.04 RCW
9 to read as follows:

10 (1) An advisory partnership on the Washington manufacturing sector
11 is established. The partnership shall consist of eight members: One
12 member from each caucus of the house of representatives, each member
13 being a member of the house of representatives commerce and labor
14 committee, appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives;
15 one member from each caucus of the senate, each member being a member
16 of the senate commerce and trade committee, appointed by the president
17 of the senate; two members representing labor, appointed jointly by the
18 president of the senate and the speaker of the house of
19 representatives, from a list of names recommended by a statewide
20 organization representing a cross-section and majority of organized
21 labor in the state; two members representing business, appointed
22 jointly by the president of the senate and the speaker of the house of
23 representatives, from a list of names recommended by a statewide
24 organization of employers representing a majority of employers of the
25 state.

26 (2) The manufacturing advisory partnership shall have access to and
27 the assistance of the labor market and economic analysis branch of the
28 employment security department and other state agencies as necessary to
29 perform studies, develop recommendations, and report to the legislature
30 concerning issues related to the manufacturing sector.

31 (3) The manufacturing advisory partnership shall study and make
32 findings and recommendations related to the following aspects of
33 Washington's manufacturing sector:

34 (a) The work force education and training needs of the
35 manufacturing sector;

36 (b) The use of manufacturing skill standards to enhance work force
37 development and human resources practices;

1 (c) The activities necessary to develop regionally strategic
2 industry clusters; and

3 (d) Other issues identified by the partnership.

4 (4) The manufacturing advisory partnership shall report its
5 findings and recommendations to the commerce and labor committee of the
6 house of representatives and the commerce and trade committee of the
7 senate by December 1 of each year.

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