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1 AN ACT Relating to establishing priorities of government; adding  
2 new sections to chapter 43.41 RCW; adding a new section to chapter  
3 44.04 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 2.04 RCW; and creating a new  
4 section.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that:

7 (1) The Washington economy of the future can provide unparalleled  
8 opportunity while maintaining Washington's traditional values if this  
9 state pursues the future with clarity of purpose and perseverance.

10 (2) A priorities of government board is needed to (a) encourage the  
11 discussion and understanding of critical global, national, and state  
12 economic trends that will affect the Washington economy in the coming  
13 decades; (b) formulate and submit to Washingtonians a strategy that  
14 describes and explains a vision for Washington's economic progress over  
15 the next twenty to thirty years; and (c) submit to the legislature, for  
16 enactment, goals for Washington's progress, including measurable  
17 indicators of the achievement of those goals, as provided for in  
18 section 3 of this act.

1        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 2.**    A new section is added to chapter 43.41 RCW  
2 to read as follows:

3        (1) The priorities of government board is created, consisting of  
4 the governor, nine members appointed by the governor, and the director  
5 of financial management, who shall be a nonvoting ex officio member.

6        (2)(a) Of the initial appointed members, four shall serve for terms  
7 ending January 31, 2006, and five shall serve for terms ending January  
8 31, 2008.    Except for initial appointments, the terms of appointed  
9 members shall be four years.    Members may be reappointed.

10        (b)(i) Members of the board shall be representative of the ethnic,  
11 cultural, social, and economic diversity of the people of Washington.

12        (ii) Five of the appointed members of the board shall be residents  
13 of different congressional districts in the state.

14        (3) The governor shall serve as chair of the board and may appoint  
15 an executive officer for the board for a term and with such duties and  
16 powers as the board determines to be necessary or appropriate.

17        (4) A majority of the members of the board constitute a quorum for  
18 the transaction of business.

19        (5) The board shall meet as the board determines necessary at times  
20 and places specified by call of the chair or a majority of the members  
21 of the board.

22        (6) The office of financial management shall provide lead staff  
23 support to the board.    Additional staff support shall be provided by  
24 the other public members of the board.

25        (7) The members of the board shall be reimbursed for travel  
26 expenses in accordance with RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.    Members of  
27 the board who are not otherwise employed by the state shall be  
28 compensated under RCW 43.03.220.

29        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 3.**    A new section is added to chapter 43.41 RCW  
30 to read as follows:

31        (1) The priorities of government board shall develop a strategy  
32 that addresses the economic, social, cultural, environmental, and other  
33 needs and aspirations of the people of Washington.    The strategy shall  
34 address priorities that the board determines are necessary and  
35 appropriate to Washington's future.    Such priorities shall include:

36        (a) Improve student achievement in elementary, middle, and high  
37 schools;

- 1 (b) Improve the quality and productivity of the state's work force;  
2 (c) Improve the value of a state college or university education;  
3 (d) Improve the health of the state's citizens;  
4 (e) Improve the security of the state's vulnerable children and  
5 adults;  
6 (f) Improve the economic vitality of businesses and individuals;  
7 (g) Improve statewide mobility of people, goods, information, and  
8 energy;  
9 (h) Improve the safety of people and property;  
10 (i) Improve the quality of the state's natural resources;  
11 (j) Improve cultural and recreational opportunities throughout the  
12 state; and  
13 (k) Improve the ability of state government to achieve its results  
14 efficiently and effectively.

15 (2) When developing the strategy, the board shall hold public  
16 hearings, public meetings, and workshops as needed to ensure the  
17 participation of a broad cross-section of Washington's population. The  
18 board shall publicize the public hearings, public meetings, and  
19 workshops in each city in which they are held and shall allow  
20 interested residents and other individuals to appear and be heard by  
21 the board.

22 (3) After considering any written comments and public testimony  
23 relating to the proposed strategy, the board shall revise the strategy  
24 as it considers necessary or appropriate. The board, by a vote of a  
25 majority of its members, shall approve and adopt a final strategy. The  
26 board shall submit, in addition to its adopted strategy, a summary and  
27 digest of comments and public testimony and its response, if any, to  
28 those comments. The adopted strategy shall be submitted to the  
29 legislature not later than December 1, 2009, and every six years  
30 thereafter.

31 (4) As a part of the strategy adopted under subsection (3) of this  
32 section, the board shall also adopt a recommended implementation plan.  
33 The plan shall include recommendations for statutory or other changes  
34 the board considers appropriate, modifications in public fiscal and  
35 spending policies, including the allocation of lottery revenues, and  
36 also recommendations for implementing actions to be carried out by  
37 local governments, businesses, private citizens, and other  
38 organizations.

1 (5)(a) The board must, in its adopted strategy, include a series of  
2 goals for Washington's progress over the next two to three decades.

3 (b) Goals shall include such measurable indicators of attainment,  
4 as the board shall determine, that show the extent to which each goal  
5 is being achieved.

6 (c) Goals shall be reviewed by the legislature, which may propose  
7 legislation that enacts the goals as recommended or that modifies,  
8 deletes, or adds to the goals. Any goals enacted by the legislature  
9 shall become the goals used by the board in its subsequent activities.

10 (d) After enactment, the board may recommend to the legislature  
11 such modifications to the goals as it considers appropriate.

12 (6) The board shall prepare, at least once each biennium, a report  
13 that describes progress toward achievement of the board's strategy,  
14 based on the specific indicators the board adopts for measuring the  
15 attainment of strategic goals. The report shall include an analysis of  
16 issues and trends of strategic significance and shall propose an agenda  
17 that identifies key steps that Washington should take over the  
18 following two years to build for Washington's future. In developing  
19 the report required by this section, the board shall consider the  
20 criteria in this section.

21 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** A new section is added to chapter 44.04 RCW  
22 to read as follows:

23 Each major caucus in the senate and each major caucus in the house  
24 of representatives is encouraged to establish its priorities of  
25 government.

26 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** A new section is added to chapter 2.04 RCW  
27 to read as follows:

28 The supreme court is encouraged to establish its priorities of  
29 government.

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