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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. The governor
14 shall select the chair. The members serve at the pleasure of the
15 governor for four-year terms. The members shall represent the broad
16 geographic diversity of the state and reflect the state's various
17 business and labor sectors. Members of the commission shall serve
18 statewide interests while preserving their diverse perspectives, and

1 shall be recognized leaders in their fields with demonstrated
2 experience in disciplines related to economic development.

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

5 (a) Review and periodically update the state's economic development
6 strategy and performance measures, and perform an annual evaluation of
7 the strategy;

8 (b) Provide policy advice to the department of community, trade,
9 and economic development;

10 (c) Assist the department of community, trade, and economic
11 development with the procurement and deployment of private funds for
12 business development, recruitment, and promotion; and

13 (d) Provide planning and strategic and programmatic guidance to the
14 department of community, trade, and economic development, with specific
15 emphasis on the following:

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

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

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

23 (4) Members of the Washington state economic development commission
24 shall be reimbursed for travel expenses as provided in RCW 43.03.050
25 and 43.03.060.

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

30 (6) Creation of the Washington state economic development
31 commission shall not be construed to modify any authority or budgetary
32 responsibility of the governor or the department of community, trade,
33 and economic development.

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35 repealed:

36 (1) RCW 43.175.010 (Governor's small business improvement council--

1 Established--Membership--Travel expenses--Staff support and
2 administrative assistance) and 1987 c 348 s 6, 1985 c 466 s 62, & 1984
3 c 282 s 7;

4 (2) RCW 43.175.020 (Duties) and 1998 c 245 s 53, 1987 c 348 s 7,
5 1985 c 466 s 63, & 1984 c 282 s 8; and

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

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