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Sponsor(s): House Committee on Trade & Economic Development
(originally sponsored by Representatives Veloria, McCoy and Kenney)

Brief Description: Promoting tourism.

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(SUBSTITUTED FOR - SEE 2ND SUB)

Requires the department of community, trade, and economic development to develop an annual nature-based business and marketing plan and coordinate with the department of fish and wildlife and other appropriate agencies and organizations to promote and market nature-based tourism in Washington to maximize efforts and benefits. This effort shall include the coordination of:

- (1) The promotion of nature-based tourism;
- (2) The promotion of fishing, hunting, and wildlife viewing;
- (3) The creation of partnerships among agencies, organizations, tribes, and local communities to develop and promote nature-based tourism;
- (4) The provision of educational information to the minority and local communities in order to educate them about rules and regulations as well as recreational opportunities; and
- (5) The promotion of local industries, such as agriculture-based tourism.

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