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1 AN ACT Relating to entrepreneurial education and training; and
2 amending RCW 43.162.020.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.162.020 and 2007 c 232 s 4 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) The Washington state economic development commission shall:

7 ~~((+1))~~ (a) Concentrate its major efforts on planning,
8 coordination, evaluation, policy analysis, and recommending
9 improvements to the state's economic development system using, but not
10 limited to, the "Next Washington" plan and the global competitiveness
11 council recommendations;

12 ~~((+2))~~ (b) Develop and maintain on a biennial basis a state
13 comprehensive plan for economic development, including but not limited
14 to goals, objectives, and priorities for the state economic development
15 system; identify the elements local associate development organizations
16 must include in their countywide economic development plans; and review
17 the state system for consistency with the state comprehensive plan. In
18 developing the state comprehensive plan for economic development, the
19 commission shall use, but may not be limited to: Economic, labor

1 market, and populations trend reports in office of financial management
2 forecasts; the annual state economic climate report prepared by the
3 economic climate council; joint office of financial management and
4 employment security department labor force, industry employment, and
5 occupational forecasts; the results of scientifically based outcome
6 evaluations; the needs of industry associations, industry clusters,
7 businesses, and employees as evidenced in formal surveys and other
8 input;

9 ~~((3))~~ (c) Establish and maintain an inventory of the programs of
10 the state economic development system and related state programs;
11 perform a biennial assessment of the ongoing and strategic economic
12 development needs of the state; and assess the extent to which the
13 economic development system and related programs represent a
14 consistent, coordinated, efficient, and integrated approach to meet
15 such needs; ~~((and~~

16 ~~(4))~~ (d) Produce a biennial report to the governor and the
17 legislature on progress by the commission in coordinating the state's
18 economic development system and meeting the other obligations of this
19 chapter, as well as include recommendations for any statutory changes
20 necessary to enhance operational efficiencies or improve coordination;
21 and

22 (e) In conjunction with the workforce training and education
23 coordinating board:

24 (i) Establish and maintain an inventory of the entrepreneurial
25 education, training, and technical assistance services and programs
26 available in the state;

27 (ii) Evaluate the extent to which existing entrepreneurial training
28 and technical assistance programs in the state are effective and
29 represent a consistent, integrated approach to meeting the needs of
30 start-up and existing entrepreneurs;

31 (iii) Identify policies to reduce administrative and other barriers
32 to efficient delivery and coordination of entrepreneurial assistance;

33 (iv) Distribute awards for excellence in entrepreneurial training
34 and assistance; and

35 (v) Report to the governor, the workforce training and education
36 coordinating board, and the appropriate legislative committees its
37 recommendations for statutory changes necessary to enhance operational

1 efficiencies or enhance coordination related to entrepreneurial
2 education, training, and assistance.

3 (2) The commission may delegate to the executive director any of
4 the functions of this section.

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