

HB 2242.E - DIGEST

(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Changes the name of the department of community, trade, and economic development to the department of commerce.

Requires the director of the department of commerce to, in collaboration with the office of the governor, the office of financial management, the economic development commission, the chairs and ranking minority members of the house community and economic development and trade committee and the senate economic development, trade and innovation committee, and the chairs and ranking members, or their designees, of the ways and means committees and the capital budget committee, develop a report with recommendations to the governor and legislative committees that ensure the department will feature a concise core mission, accountability, transparency, leverage of resources, focus, flexibility, and local capacity building.

Directs the code reviser to prepare legislation for the 2010 regular session that changes all statutory references to director or department of community, trade, and economic development to director or department of commerce.

VETO MESSAGE ON EHB 2242

May 19, 2009

To the Honorable Speaker and Members,
The House of Representatives of the State of Washington

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I have approved, except for Section 56, Engrossed House Bill 2242 entitled:

"AN ACT Relating to creating a department of commerce."

Section 56 inadvertently removes the State Energy Program from the Revised Code of Washington. De-codifying the Energy Office was not the intent of this executive request legislation. I, therefore, have vetoed Section 56.

For these reasons, I have vetoed Section 56 of Engrossed House Bill 2242. With the exception of Section 56, Engrossed House Bill 2242 is approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Christine O. Gregoire
Governor