

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 5321

As of January 25, 2011

Title: An act relating to the responsibilities of the department of commerce and associate development organizations.

Brief Description: Concerning the responsibilities of the department of commerce and associate development organizations.

Sponsors: Senators Chase, Kastama and Shin.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Economic Development, Trade & Innovation: 1/26/11.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, TRADE & INNOVATION

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Background: The Department of Commerce (department) works with businesses to facilitate resolution of siting, regulatory, expansion, and retention problems.

Associate development organizations (ADO) deliver direct assistance to companies, and support research, planning, and implementation of regional and local economic development strategies. The department currently contracts with 34 ADOs serving the 39 counties in Washington. ADOs are required to work with businesses on site location and selection assistance and provide business retention and expansion services.

Summary of Bill: The department must establish protocols to be followed by ADOs and department staff for the recruitment and retention of businesses, including protocols relating to the sharing of information between ADOs and the department.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Requested on January 24, 2011.

Committee/Commission/Task Force Created: No.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

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