

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 5321

As Reported by Senate Committee On:
Economic Development, Trade & Innovation, February 3, 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, 2/02/11, 2/03/11 [DPS, w/oRec].

SENATE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, TRADE & INNOVATION

Majority Report: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 5321 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass.

Signed by Senators Kastama, Chair; Chase, Vice Chair; Baumgartner, Ranking Minority Member; Ericksen, Hatfield, Kilmer, Shin and Zarelli.

Minority Report: That it be referred without recommendation.

Signed by Senator Holmquist Newbry.

Staff: Jack Brummel (786-7428)

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 (Recommended Substitute): The department must establish protocols to be followed by ADOs and department staff for the recruitment and retention of businesses,

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including protocols relating to the sharing of information between ADOs and the department. The protocols may not require the release of proprietary or confidential information.

EFFECT OF CHANGES MADE BY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, TRADE & INNOVATION COMMITTEE (Recommended Substitute): The department established protocols may not require the release of proprietary or confidential information.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

Committee/Commission/Task Force Created: No.

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

Staff Summary of Public Testimony on Original Bill: PRO: This sends a message that we care about keeping our businesses here.

Persons Testifying: PRO: Senator Chase, prime sponsor.