

**E2SHB 2580** - S COMM AMD

By Committee on Trade & Economic Development

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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the  
2 following:

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The legislature recognizes the  
4 important role of the maritime industry and other manufacturing sectors  
5 in creating and sustaining economic opportunities in Washington. The  
6 maritime industry and other manufacturing sectors account for forty  
7 percent of the gross domestic product in Washington. In looking to the  
8 state's future, the legislature finds that supporting the maritime  
9 industry and other manufacturing sectors is critical to building and  
10 sustaining a diverse and resilient economy in Washington.

11 (2) The maritime industry and other manufacturing sectors are  
12 interconnected with the public infrastructure, including ports, roads,  
13 railways, energy facilities, and water-sewer facilities. The  
14 protection and expansion of public infrastructure, including through  
15 urban planning and disaster recovery planning, is crucial to the  
16 success of the maritime industry and other manufacturing sectors.

17 (3) To that end, the legislature intends to engage in a  
18 collaborative process with state agencies, local governments, and  
19 private sector leaders to evaluate whether changes in state and local  
20 policies are necessary to foster resilience and growth in the maritime  
21 industry and other manufacturing sectors. Through the establishment of  
22 the joint select legislative task force, the legislature intends to  
23 take action to support and sustain the maritime industry and other  
24 manufacturing sectors as the region continues to recover from the  
25 national financial crisis and progresses toward a future of increased  
26 economic opportunity for all citizens of the state.

27 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1)(a) A joint select legislative task force  
28 on the economic resilience of maritime and manufacturing in Washington  
29 is established, with members as provided in this subsection.

1 (i) The speaker of the house of representatives must appoint three  
2 members from each of the two largest caucuses of the house of  
3 representatives.

4 (ii) The president of the senate must appoint three members from  
5 each of the two largest caucuses of the senate.

6 (iii) The governor must appoint one member to represent the  
7 department of commerce.

8 (b) The legislative members of the task force must select cochairs  
9 from among the membership, one from the house of representatives and  
10 one from the senate.

11 (2)(a) The task force must develop recommendations that achieve the  
12 following objectives:

13 (i) Identify the maritime and manufacturing sectors of economic  
14 significance to the state;

15 (ii) Identify and assess the critical public infrastructure that  
16 supports and sustains the maritime and manufacturing sectors;

17 (iii) Identify the barriers to maintaining and expanding the  
18 maritime and manufacturing sectors;

19 (iv) Identify and assess the educational resources and support  
20 services available to local governments with respect to supporting and  
21 sustaining the development of the maritime and manufacturing sectors;

22 (v) Promote regulatory consistency and certainty in the areas of  
23 urban planning, land use permitting, and business development in a  
24 manner that encourages the maritime and manufacturing industries in  
25 urban areas;

26 (vi) Encourage cooperation between the public and private sectors  
27 to foster economic growth;

28 (vii) Explore public-private sector collaborations that draw on  
29 Washington State University research centers and institutes with  
30 expertise on maritime interoperability and critical infrastructure  
31 resilience;

32 (viii) Identify aspects of state policy that have an impact on  
33 fostering resilience and growth in the maritime and manufacturing  
34 sectors, such as storm water policy and other food fish-related issues;  
35 and

36 (ix) Maximize the opportunities for employment in the maritime  
37 industry and other manufacturing sectors in Washington.

1 (b) The recommendations of the task force must include a short and  
2 long-term action plan for the legislature to support and sustain the  
3 maritime industry and other manufacturing sectors in Washington. The  
4 recommendations of the task force may also include specific legislative  
5 approaches, such as changes to state law, and nonlegislative  
6 approaches, such as action plans for state agencies and local  
7 governments.

8 (3)(a) The task force must consult with local governments and state  
9 agencies, which must include, but are not limited to: The department  
10 of commerce, the department of transportation, the office of regulatory  
11 assistance, the workforce training and education coordinating board,  
12 and associate development organizations.

13 (b) The legislative cochairs must appoint an advisory committee  
14 consisting of maritime and manufacturing business, labor, and other  
15 representatives to provide technical information and assistance in  
16 completing the objectives of the task force. Membership on the  
17 advisory committee must include, but are not limited to representatives  
18 from: Marine terminal operators, manufacturing, maritime businesses,  
19 local industrial councils, local labor trades councils, and chambers of  
20 commerce.

21 (4) The task force must submit to the governor and the appropriate  
22 committees of the legislature a work plan by December 1, 2014, and a  
23 report with the task force's final findings and recommendations by  
24 November 1, 2015.

25 (5) Staff support for the task force must be provided by the  
26 senate committee services and the house of representatives office of  
27 program research.

28 (6) Legislative members of the task force must be reimbursed for  
29 travel expenses in accordance with RCW 44.04.120. Nonlegislative  
30 members, except those representing an employer or organization, are  
31 entitled to be reimbursed for travel expenses in accordance with RCW  
32 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.

33 (7) The expenses of the task force must be paid jointly by the  
34 senate and the house of representatives. Task force expenditures are  
35 subject to approval by the senate facilities and operations committee  
36 and the house of representatives executive rules committee, or their  
37 successor committees.

38 (8) This section expires June 1, 2016."

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1        On page 1, line 3 of the title, after "sectors;" strike the  
2 remainder of the title and insert "creating new sections; and providing  
3 an expiration date."

EFFECT:        Directs the legislative cochairs of the task force to  
appoint an advisory group of maritime and manufacturing business,  
labor, and other members to provide technical information and  
assistance in completing the objectives of the task force.

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