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By House Technology & Economic Development (originally sponsored by Representatives Tarleton, Haler, Fey, Wylie, Seaquist, Pollet, Ryu, and Carlyle)

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1 AN ACT Relating to fostering economic resilience and development in
2 Washington by supporting the maritime industry and other manufacturing
3 sectors; creating new sections; and providing expiration dates.

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

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

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

1 To that end, the legislature intends to engage in a collaborative
2 process with state agencies, local governments, and private sector
3 leaders to evaluate whether changes in state and local policies are
4 necessary to foster resilience and growth in the maritime industry and
5 other manufacturing sectors. Through the establishment of the joint
6 select legislative task force, the legislature intends to take action
7 to support and sustain the maritime industry and other manufacturing
8 sectors as the region continues to recover from the national financial
9 crisis and progresses toward a future of increased economic opportunity
10 for all citizens of the state.

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

14 (i) The speaker of the house of representatives shall appoint three
15 members from each of the two largest caucuses of the house of
16 representatives.

17 (ii) The president of the senate shall appoint three members from
18 each of the two largest caucuses of the senate.

19 (iii) The governor shall appoint one member to represent the
20 department of commerce.

21 (b) The legislative members of the task force shall select cochairs
22 from among the membership, one from the house of representatives and
23 one from the senate.

24 (2)(a) The task force shall develop recommendations that achieve
25 the following objectives:

26 (i) Identify the maritime and manufacturing sectors of economic
27 significance to the state;

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

30 (iii) Identify the barriers to maintaining and expanding the
31 maritime and manufacturing sectors;

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

35 (v) Promote regulatory consistency and certainty in the areas of
36 urban planning, land use permitting, and business development in a

1 manner that encourages the maritime and manufacturing industries in
2 urban areas;

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

5 (vii) Identify aspects of state policy that have an impact on
6 fostering resilience and growth in the maritime and manufacturing
7 sectors, such as storm water policy and other food fish-related issues;
8 and

9 (viii) Maximize the opportunities for employment in the maritime
10 industry and other manufacturing sectors in Washington.

11 (b) The recommendations of the task force must include a short and
12 long-term action plan for the legislature to support and sustain the
13 maritime industry and other manufacturing sectors in Washington. The
14 recommendations of the task force may also include specific legislative
15 approaches, such as changes to state law, and nonlegislative
16 approaches, such as action plans for state agencies and local
17 governments.

18 (3) The task force shall consult with local governments, state
19 agencies, and private sector interests as appropriate, which must
20 include, but are not limited to: The department of commerce, the
21 department of transportation, the office of regulatory assistance, the
22 workforce training and education coordinating board, associate
23 development organizations, local industrial councils, local labor
24 trades councils, and chambers of commerce.

25 (4) The task force shall submit to the governor and the appropriate
26 committees of the legislature a work plan by December 1, 2014, and a
27 report with the task force's final findings and recommendations by
28 November 1, 2015.

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

32 (6) Legislative members of the task force must be reimbursed for
33 travel expenses in accordance with RCW 44.04.120. Nonlegislative
34 members, except those representing an employer or organization, are
35 entitled to be reimbursed for travel expenses in accordance with RCW
36 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.

37 (7) The expenses of the task force must be paid jointly by the
38 senate and the house of representatives. Task force expenditures are

1 subject to approval by the senate facilities and operations committee
2 and the house of representatives executive rules committee, or their
3 successor committees.

4 (8) This section expires June 1, 2016.

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** (1) The state geologist created in chapter
6 43.92 RCW shall update and improve the seismic scenario catalog
7 maintained by the department of natural resources with respect to: The
8 geographic areas designated as manufacturing industrial centers by the
9 Puget Sound regional council as of January 1, 2014, including the
10 Ballard/Interbay, Duwamish, Frederickson, Kent, north Tukwila, port of
11 Tacoma, Paine field/Boeing Everett, and south Kitsap industrial area
12 manufacturing industrial centers; the Puget Sound lowland and coastal
13 areas; and areas including infrastructure critical to the operations of
14 industry in those designated manufacturing industrial centers and Puget
15 Sound lowland and coastal areas. In completing the updates and
16 improvements, the state geologist shall consult with the department of
17 commerce and the department of transportation.

18 (2) The state geologist shall report a summary of his or her
19 findings to the governor, the joint select legislative task force on
20 the economic resilience of manufacturing in Washington established in
21 section 2 of this act, and the appropriate committees of the
22 legislature by November 1, 2014.

23 (3) This section expires June 1, 2016.

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