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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. In
8 particular, the state's vibrant maritime cluster directly employs more
9 than fifty-seven thousand people, with a total of four billion dollars
10 in direct wages in 2012, in the areas of ship and boat building,
11 maintenance and repair, maritime logistics and shipping, passenger
12 water transportation, fishing, seafood processing, maritime support
13 services, military operations, marine fuels, and marine safety and
14 research. In 2012, the maritime cluster was directly responsible for
15 over fifteen billion dollars in gross business income and indirectly
16 responsible for more than fourteen billion dollars in gross business
17 income. In looking to the state's future, the legislature finds that
18 supporting the maritime industry and other manufacturing sectors is

1 critical to building and sustaining a diverse and resilient economy in
2 Washington.

3 The maritime industry and other manufacturing sectors are
4 interconnected with the public infrastructure, including ports, roads,
5 railways, energy facilities, and water-sewer facilities. The
6 protection and expansion of public infrastructure, including through
7 urban planning and disaster recovery planning, is crucial to the
8 success of the maritime industry and other manufacturing sectors.

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

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

22 (i) The speaker of the house of representatives shall appoint three
23 members from each of the two largest caucuses of the house of
24 representatives.

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

27 (iii) The president of the senate and the speaker of the house of
28 representatives jointly shall appoint two members representing local
29 government interests and four members representing private
30 manufacturing sector interests, who are nonvoting members of the task
31 force.

32 (iv) The governor shall appoint one member to represent the
33 department of commerce, one member to represent the department of
34 transportation, and one member to represent the office of regulatory
35 assistance, who are nonvoting members of the task force.

36 (b) The task force shall choose its chair from among its

1 legislative membership. The chair shall convene the initial meeting of
2 the task force.

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

5 (i) Identify the manufacturing sectors of economic significance to
6 the state;

7 (ii) Identify and assess the critical public infrastructure that
8 supports and sustains manufacturing sectors;

9 (iii) Identify the barriers to maintaining and expanding
10 manufacturing sectors;

11 (iv) Identify and assess the educational resources and support
12 services available to local governments with respect to supporting and
13 sustaining the development of manufacturing sectors;

14 (v) Promote regulatory consistency and certainty in the areas of
15 urban planning, land use permitting, and business development in a
16 manner that encourages manufacturing in urban areas;

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

19 (vii) Identify changes to state policy necessary for fostering
20 resilience and growth in manufacturing sectors; and

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

23 (b) The recommendations of the task force must include a short and
24 long-term action plan for the legislature to support and sustain the
25 maritime industry and other manufacturing sectors in Washington. The
26 recommendations of the task force may also include specific legislative
27 approaches, such as changes to state law, and nonlegislative
28 approaches, such as action plans for state agencies and local
29 governments.

30 (3) The task force shall consult with local governments, state
31 agencies, and private sector interests as appropriate, which may
32 include, but are not limited to: The department of commerce, the
33 department of transportation, the office of regulatory assistance,
34 associate development organizations, and local industrial councils and
35 chambers of commerce.

36 (4) The task force shall submit to the governor and the appropriate
37 committees of the legislature a work plan by December 1, 2014, and a

1 report with the task force's final findings and recommendations by
2 November 1, 2015.

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

6 (6) Legislative members of the task force must be reimbursed for
7 travel expenses in accordance with RCW 44.04.120. Nonlegislative
8 members, except those representing an employer or organization, are
9 entitled to be reimbursed for travel expenses in accordance with RCW
10 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.

11 (7) The expenses of the task force must be paid jointly by the
12 senate and the house of representatives. Task force expenditures are
13 subject to approval by the senate facilities and operations committee
14 and the house of representatives executive rules committee, or their
15 successor committees.

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

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** (1) The state geologist created in chapter
18 43.92 RCW shall update and improve the seismic scenario catalog
19 maintained by the department of natural resources with respect to: The
20 geographic areas designated as manufacturing industrial centers by the
21 Puget Sound regional council as of January 1, 2014, including the
22 Ballard/Interbay, Duwamish, Frederickson, Kent, north Tukwila, port of
23 Tacoma, Paine field/Boeing Everett, and south Kitsap industrial area
24 manufacturing industrial centers; and the adjacent geographic areas and
25 infrastructure critical to the operations of industry in those
26 designated manufacturing industrial centers. In completing the updates
27 and improvements, the state geologist shall consult with the department
28 of commerce and the department of transportation.

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

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

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