
SENATE BILL 6589

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By Senators Chase, Hasegawa, and Zeiger

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1 AN ACT Relating to establishing a joint legislative task force on
2 the data center industry in Washington; creating a new section; and
3 providing an expiration date.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1)(a) A joint select legislative task
6 force on maintaining and expanding the data center industry in
7 Washington is established, with members as provided in this
8 subsection.

9 (i) The president of the senate shall appoint one member from
10 each of the two largest caucuses of the senate.

11 (ii) The speaker of the house of representatives shall appoint
12 one member from each of the two largest caucuses of the house of
13 representatives.

14 (iii) The president of the senate and the speaker of the house of
15 representatives jointly shall appoint four members representing local
16 government or private sector interests.

17 (iv) The governor shall appoint one member representing the
18 department of commerce.

19 (b) The legislative members of the task force shall convene the
20 initial meeting of the task force. The task force shall select
21 cochairs from among its legislative members at the initial meeting.

1 (2) The task force shall review the following issues:
2 (a) The current state of the data center industry in Washington;
3 (b) Policies and incentives available in Washington and other
4 areas for data centers;
5 (c) Recommendations for changes to state and local policies to
6 maintain and expand data centers and create jobs in Washington.
7 (3) Staff support for the task force must be provided by senate
8 committee services and the house of representatives office of program
9 research.
10 (4) Legislative members of the task force are reimbursed for
11 travel expenses in accordance with RCW 44.04.120. Nonlegislative
12 members are not entitled to be reimbursed for travel expenses if they
13 are elected officials or are participating on behalf of an employer,
14 governmental entity, or other organization. Any reimbursement for
15 other nonlegislative members is subject to chapter 43.03 RCW.
16 (5) The expenses of the task force must be paid jointly by the
17 senate and the house of representatives. Task force expenditures are
18 subject to approval by the senate facilities and operations committee
19 and the house of representatives executive rules committee, or their
20 successor committees.
21 (6) The task force shall report its findings and recommendations
22 to the governor and appropriate committees of the legislature by
23 December 1, 2018.
24 (7) This section expires December 31, 2018.

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