

**HB 2596** - S COMM AMD

By Committee on Financial Institutions, Economic Development & Trade

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

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature intends to develop and  
4 implement an economic development strategy to promote the new space  
5 economy and broaden the geographic distribution of employment and  
6 training opportunities in that sector. The current space economy is  
7 valued at hundreds of billions of dollars, and market analysts advise  
8 that a trillion dollar space economy is imminent. The legislature  
9 declares its objective that Washington state pursue as much of this  
10 economic opportunity as possible. The legislature intends for  
11 Washington state to compete aggressively for any federal dollars  
12 appropriated in support of civilian opportunities and military  
13 missions related to the new space economy.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) The department of commerce, in  
15 consultation with the leaders of the economic development committees  
16 of the legislature, is directed to seek applications for and convene  
17 an advisory committee to provide information, advice, and assistance  
18 in completing a study of public policies that would foster the new  
19 space economy and the geographic distribution of employment and  
20 training opportunities in that sector.

21 (2) The study shall, among other components, include:

22 (a) A ten-year strategy for a bold expansion of trained workforce  
23 to support that industry sector;

24 (b) An evaluation of the state's capacity to: (i) Train personnel  
25 in the cybersecurity protocols needed for civilian businesses to  
26 secure national defense contracts; and (ii) offer grants and  
27 incentives to businesses for the purpose of lowering the ongoing cost  
28 of cybersecurity compliance;

29 (c) An evaluation of the state's capacity to provide technical  
30 assistance and mentoring to start-up and emerging businesses  
31 competing for national defense contracts;

1 (d) An evaluation of the state's level of investment in federal  
2 lobbying or federal liaison services related to securing defense and  
3 civilian space-related appropriations and procurement through which  
4 Washington might bolster its local workforce or facilities and  
5 thereby provide indirect and induced benefits for the larger state  
6 economy;

7 (e) An assessment of the infrastructure needs to support the new  
8 space sector; and

9 (f) An assessment of the institutional capacity of state agencies  
10 and nonprofit organizations to foster economic growth in the new  
11 space sector.

12 (3) By October 31, 2021, the results of the study required in  
13 this section must be submitted in a report to the appropriate  
14 committees of the legislature consistent with the requirements of RCW  
15 43.01.036. The study must be accompanied by recommendations that  
16 include the identification of short-term and long-term action plans  
17 for the legislature to support and sustain a bold vision for economic  
18 growth in the new space sector.

19 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** If specific funding for the purposes of  
20 this act, referencing this act by bill or chapter number, is not  
21 provided by June 30, 2020, in the omnibus appropriations act, this  
22 act is null and void."

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23 On page 1, line 2 of the title, after "economy;" strike the  
24 remainder of the title and insert "and creating new sections."

EFFECT: (1) Requires the Department of Commerce to consult with  
leaders of the economic development committees of the Legislature,  
rather than the technology committees of the Legislature.

(2) Adds a null and void clause.

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