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1 AN ACT Relating to establishing the Washington blockchain work
2 group; creating a new section; and providing an expiration date.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) Subject to the availability of amounts
5 appropriated for this specific purpose, the Washington blockchain
6 work group is established. The purpose of the work group is to
7 examine various potential applications for blockchain technology
8 including, but not limited to, applications in computing, banking and
9 other financial services, the real estate transaction process, health
10 care, and public recordkeeping.

11 (2) The work group is composed of the following members:

12 (a) One senator from each of the two largest caucuses of the
13 senate, appointed by the leader of each respective caucus;

14 (b) One representative from each of the two largest caucuses of
15 the house of representatives, appointed by the leader of each
16 respective caucus;

17 (c) The director of the department of commerce, or the director's
18 designee;

19 (d) The director of the department of financial institutions, or
20 the director's designee;

1 (e) The director of Washington technology solutions, the
2 consolidated technology services agency, or the director's designee;

3 (f) An individual representing a trade association for technology
4 companies that do business in Washington;

5 (g) An individual representing a trade association for financial
6 services companies that do business in Washington;

7 (h) An individual representing a trade association for title
8 insurance companies that do business in Washington;

9 (i) An individual representing a trade association for health
10 care companies that do business in Washington; and

11 (j) An individual representing an association for county
12 government officials in Washington.

13 (3) The individuals appointed under subsection (2)(f) through (j)
14 of this section must be appointed by the governor, subject to senate
15 confirmation in accordance with RCW 43.06.092.

16 (4) A majority of the work group members constitutes a quorum. If
17 a member has not been designated for a position set forth in this
18 section, that position may not be counted for the purpose of
19 determining a quorum.

20 (5) The work group shall hold its inaugural meeting by August 1,
21 2020. The work group shall elect a chair from among its members at
22 the inaugural meeting. The election of the chair must be by a
23 majority vote of the work group members who are present at the
24 inaugural meeting. The chair of the work group is responsible for
25 arranging subsequent meetings and developing meeting agendas.

26 (6) Staff support for the work group, including arranging the
27 inaugural meeting of the work group and assisting the chair of the
28 work group in arranging subsequent meetings, must be provided by
29 senate committee services and the house of representatives office of
30 program research.

31 (7) The expenses of the work group must be paid jointly by the
32 senate and the house of representatives. Work group expenditures are
33 subject to approval by the senate facilities and operations committee
34 and the house of representatives executive rules committee, or their
35 successor committees.

36 (8) Legislative members of the work group may be reimbursed for
37 travel expenses in accordance with RCW 44.04.120. Nonlegislative
38 members are not entitled to be reimbursed for travel expenses if they
39 are elected officials or are participating on behalf of an employer,

1 governmental entity, or other organization. Any reimbursement for
2 other nonlegislative members is subject to chapter 43.03 RCW.

3 (9) The work group is a class one group under chapter 43.03 RCW.

4 (10) A public comment period must be provided at every meeting of
5 the work group.

6 (11) The work group shall submit a report on recommended policies
7 that will facilitate the development of blockchain applications in
8 Washington to the governor and the appropriate committees of the
9 legislature by December 1, 2021.

10 (12) This section expires January 1, 2022. The work group is
11 dissolved upon the expiration of this section.

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