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By Representatives Ryu, Boehnke, and Berry; by request of Lieutenant Governor

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1 AN ACT Relating to powers of the legislative committee on
2 economic development and international relations; and amending RCW
3 43.15.070.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.15.070 and 2020 c 114 s 22 are each amended to
6 read as follows:

7 The committee or its subcommittees are authorized to study and
8 review economic development issues with special emphasis on
9 international trade, tourism, investment, and industrial development,
10 and to assist the legislature in developing a comprehensive and
11 consistent economic development policy. The issues under review by
12 the committee shall include, but not be limited to:

13 (1) Evaluating existing state policies, laws, and programs which
14 promote or affect economic development with special emphasis on those
15 concerning international trade, tourism, and investment and determine
16 their cost-effectiveness and level of cooperation with other public
17 and private agencies;

18 (2) Monitoring economic trends, and developing for review by the
19 legislature such state responses as may be deemed effective and
20 appropriate;

1 (3) Monitoring economic development policies and programs of
2 other states and nations and evaluating their effectiveness;
3 (4) Determining the economic impact of international trade,
4 tourism, and investment upon the state's economy;
5 (5) Assessing the need for and effect of federal, regional, and
6 state cooperation in economic development policies and programs;
7 (6) Evaluating opportunities to collaborate with public and
8 private agencies in achieving Washington state's international
9 relations objectives;
10 (7) (~~Studying and adopting any state tourism slogan or tagline~~
11 ~~recommended by the Washington tourism marketing authority established~~
12 ~~in RCW 43.384.020;~~
13 ~~(8)~~) Designating official legislative trade delegations and
14 nominating legislators for inclusion in official trade delegations
15 organized by the office of international relations and protocol;
16 (~~(9)~~) (8) Proposing potential sister-state relationships to be
17 submitted to the governor for approval; and
18 (~~(10)~~) (9) Developing and evaluating legislative proposals
19 concerning the issues specified in this section.

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