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**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1595**

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**By** House Technology, Economic Development, & Veterans (originally sponsored by Representatives Ryu, Volz, Eslick, Reeves, Shavers, Zahn, Pollet, Reed, Nance, Kloba, and Barnard)

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1 AN ACT Relating to a five-year statewide economic development  
2 plan; adding a new section to chapter 43.330 RCW; providing an  
3 effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 43.330  
6 RCW to read as follows:

7 (1) An advisory committee for a five-year statewide economic  
8 development plan is established with at least 16 members, who must  
9 reflect the geographic, racial, and ethnic diversity of the state and  
10 be inclusive of historically marginalized communities. The advisory  
11 committee may be expanded to add additional representatives to  
12 include emerging or rapidly growing economic sectors. These  
13 representatives may be added on an as-needed basis, as determined by  
14 the director, to ensure comprehensive and adaptive representation of  
15 key economic drivers essential to the state's long-term economic  
16 development. The advisory committee must include:

17 (a) One representative from the department's office of economic  
18 development and competitiveness, who shall be appointed by the  
19 director and serve as chair;

20 (b) Two representatives and two senators, representing each of  
21 the four caucuses;

1 (c) One representative of the governor's office;

2 (d) The director of the workforce training and education  
3 coordinating board, as provided in RCW 28C.18.020, or the director's  
4 designee;

5 (e) The director of the department of ecology, as provided in RCW  
6 43.21A.050, or the director's designee; and

7 (f) At least eight representatives appointed by the director,  
8 representing an associate development organization, port, labor  
9 council, research institution, the department's office of tribal  
10 relations, the department's small business resiliency network, and  
11 industry associations representing key economic sectors including  
12 retail, technology, manufacturing, agriculture, and hospitality and  
13 tourism.

14 (2) The members of the advisory committee may be reimbursed for  
15 travel expenses as provided in RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.

16 (3) The members of the advisory committee shall serve two-year  
17 terms and may be reappointed.

18 (4) The department must convene an advisory committee every five  
19 years, beginning in 2025, to:

20 (a) Provide guidance to the department identifying priorities and  
21 recommendations for a five-year statewide economic development plan;

22 (b) Meet at least three times during the first plan development  
23 year, and quarterly in the first plan development year for updated  
24 plans;

25 (c) Hold at least four public meetings in different regions of  
26 the state to solicit input on the priorities and recommendations  
27 during the plan development year;

28 (d) Advise the department on policy recommendations to implement  
29 the five-year economic development plan; and

30 (e) Review and provide guidance on recommended legislation to  
31 implement the five-year economic development plan priorities within  
32 one year after the proposal under subsection (7) of this section is  
33 provided.

34 (5) The advisory committee must be staffed by the department.

35 (6) The department must consult with the following for feedback  
36 on the criteria and content of the five-year statewide economic  
37 development plan prior to the third meeting of the advisory  
38 committee:

39 (a) The state commission on Hispanic affairs, created in chapter  
40 43.115 RCW;

1 (b) The commission on African American affairs, created in  
2 chapter 43.113 RCW;

3 (c) The state commission on Asian Pacific American affairs,  
4 created in chapter 43.117 RCW;

5 (d) The women's commission, created in chapter 43.119 RCW;

6 (e) The office of minority and women's business enterprises,  
7 created in chapter 39.19 RCW; and

8 (f) The employment security department, created in Title 50 RCW.

9 (7) The department must use the advisory committee's guidance and  
10 recommendations, public input, and commission and agency  
11 consultations to develop a final proposal for a five-year statewide  
12 economic development plan. The proposal must include long-term goals  
13 and measurable benchmarks. The department must provide the first  
14 proposal with recommended legislation to the appropriate committees  
15 of the legislature and the governor by November 30, 2025. The  
16 department must provide updated proposals every five years  
17 thereafter.

18 (8) The department must provide recommended legislation, if any,  
19 to implement the five-year statewide economic development plan by  
20 June 30, 2026, and every five years thereafter.

21 (9) The department must provide a progress report on  
22 implementation of the five-year statewide economic development plan  
23 to the appropriate committees of the legislature and the governor two  
24 years after providing the proposal under subsection (7) of this  
25 section.

26 (10) The department must comply with the requirements of RCW  
27 43.18A.020 in making appointments provided in this section. The  
28 department must provide the report required in RCW 43.18A.030.

29 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** This act is necessary for the immediate  
30 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of  
31 the state government and its existing public institutions, and takes  
32 effect May 5, 2025.

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