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1 AN ACT Relating to expanding small business development centers;
2 and amending RCW 19.02.075, 19.02.080, and 28B.30.530.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 19.02.075 and 1995 c 403 s 1007 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 (1) The department shall collect a fee of fifteen dollars on each
7 master application. The entire master application fee shall be
8 deposited in the master license fund.

9 (2) The department shall collect a fee of nine dollars on each
10 renewal application. Renewal application fees shall be deposited in
11 the master license fund.

12 (3) The department shall provide an opportunity for master business
13 applicants to make a voluntary donation of two dollars at the time they
14 submit initial and renewal applications. These voluntary donations
15 must be deposited by the department in the business assistance account
16 created in RCW 28B.30.531, and used by the small business development
17 center administrator or the administrator's designee for business
18 assistance purposes as provided in RCW 28B.30.530.

1 **Sec. 2.** RCW 19.02.080 and 1992 c 107 s 3 are each amended to read
2 as follows:

3 All fees and donations collected under the system shall be
4 deposited with the state treasurer. Upon issuance or renewal of the
5 master license or supplemental licenses, the department shall
6 distribute the fees, except for fees covered under RCW 19.02.210
7 (~~and~~), for fees covered under RCW 19.80.075, and for donations
8 collected under RCW 19.02.075(3), to the appropriate accounts under the
9 applicable statutes for those agencies' licenses.

10 **Sec. 3.** RCW 28B.30.530 and 2009 c 486 s 1 are each amended to read
11 as follows:

12 (1) The board of regents of Washington State University shall
13 establish the Washington State University small business development
14 center.

15 (2) The center shall provide management and technical assistance
16 including but not limited to training, counseling, and research
17 services to small businesses throughout the state. The center shall
18 work with the department of (~~community, trade, and economic~~
19 ~~development~~) commerce, the state board for community and technical
20 colleges, the higher education coordinating board, the workforce
21 training and education coordinating board, the employment security
22 department, the Washington state economic development commission,
23 associate development organizations, and workforce development councils
24 to:

25 (a) Integrate small business development centers with other state
26 and local economic development and workforce development programs;

27 (b) Target the centers' services to small businesses;

28 (c) Tailor outreach and services at each center to the needs and
29 demographics of entrepreneurs and small businesses located within the
30 service area;

31 (d) Establish and expand small business development center
32 satellite offices when financially feasible; and

33 (e) Coordinate delivery of services to avoid duplication.

34 (3) The administrator of the center may contract with other public
35 or private entities for the provision of specialized services.

36 (4) The small business development center may accept and disburse
37 federal grants or federal matching funds or other funds or donations

1 from any source when made, granted, or donated to carry out the
2 center's purposes. When drawing on funds from the business assistance
3 account created in RCW ((30.60.010)) 28B.30.531, the center must first
4 use the funds to make increased management and technical assistance
5 available to existing small businesses and start-up businesses at
6 satellite offices. The funds may also be used to develop and expand
7 assistance programs such as small business planning workshops and small
8 business counseling.

9 (5) The legislature directs the small business development center
10 to request United States small business administration approval of a
11 special emphasis initiative, as permitted under 13 C.F.R. 130.340(c) as
12 of April 1, 2009, to target assistance to Washington state's smaller
13 businesses. This initiative would be negotiated and included in the
14 first cooperative agreement application process that occurs after July
15 26, 2009.

16 (6) By December 1, 2009, and December 1, 2010, respectively, the
17 center shall provide a written progress report and a final report to
18 the appropriate committees of the legislature with respect to the
19 requirements in subsections (2) and (5) of this section and the amount
20 and use of funding received through the business assistance account.
21 The reports must also include data on the number, location, staffing,
22 and budget levels of satellite offices; affiliations with community
23 colleges, associate development organizations or other local
24 organizations; the number, size, and type of small businesses assisted;
25 and the types of services provided. The reports must also include
26 information on the outcomes achieved, such as jobs created or retained,
27 private capital invested, and return on the investment of state and
28 federal dollars.

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