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**By** House Committee on State Government (originally sponsored by Representatives Shin, Brumsickle, Hansen, Cothorn, Eide, Wood, Veloria, Bray, Jacobsen, Quall, Rayburn, Flemming, Kessler, Carlson, Basich, Ogden, Sheahan, Wang, King, J. Kohl and Anderson)

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1 AN ACT Relating to Washington state's sister-state relationship  
2 with Hyogo prefecture, Japan; creating a new section; making an  
3 appropriation; and declaring an emergency.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that:

6 (1) Washington became one of the first states in the nation to  
7 enter into a sister-state relationship through the establishment by  
8 governor Albert Rosellini of a relationship with Hyogo prefecture,  
9 Japan, on October 22, 1963.

10 (2) The sister-state relationship has spawned eight sister-city  
11 relationships between cities in Washington state and Hyogo prefecture,  
12 including the port cities of Seattle and Kobe.

13 (3) The two sister states have developed close ties of friendship  
14 through thirty years of cultural, educational, and economic exchanges,  
15 including:

16 (a) The new leader fellowship exchange for state and prefectural  
17 government employees;

18 (b) The Hyogo government managers training program at the  
19 University of Washington;

1 (c) Arts exchanges between the Washington state arts commission and  
2 the Hyogo prefectural cultural association;

3 (d) A sister-hospital exchange between Children's Orthopedic  
4 Hospital in Seattle and Hyogo Prefectural Children's Hospital in Kobe;

5 (e) Numerous student and teacher exchanges between Washington and  
6 Hyogo schools and universities; and

7 (f) The establishment of the Hyogo cultural center in Seattle.

8 (4) The sister-state relationship has resulted in the development  
9 of significant trade and Japanese investment in Washington state  
10 businesses.

11 (5) The ties developed as a result of the sister-state relationship  
12 enabled the department of trade and economic development to establish  
13 the Washington Village in Sanda City, Hyogo, an innovative and unique  
14 project to promote Washington state wood products in Japan.

15 (6) Hyogo prefecture undertook significant activity to commemorate  
16 previous anniversaries of this important relationship and sent an  
17 official delegation to participate in the celebration of Washington's  
18 centennial.

19 (7) The Hyogo prefectural government is making plans for a series  
20 of major events to mark the thirtieth anniversary of the Washington-  
21 Hyogo relationship, including the visit of an official delegation of  
22 Hyogo government officials, business leaders, and citizens.

23 (8) A reciprocal effort by Washington to commemorate the thirtieth  
24 anniversary of the sister-state relationship would serve as a statement  
25 of the state's ongoing commitment to good relations between Washington  
26 state and Hyogo prefecture.

27 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The sum of forty-five thousand dollars, or  
28 as much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for the biennium  
29 ending June 30, 1993, from the general fund to the governor's office of  
30 international relations and protocol for the purposes of planning for  
31 an event or series of events to celebrate the thirtieth anniversary of  
32 the Washington-Hyogo sister-state relationship, to coordinate the  
33 activities of official visitors and delegations, and to solicit  
34 financial contributions from private sector sources to assist in  
35 planning and carrying out commemorative activities.

36 Any funds from this appropriation remaining unexpended on June 30,  
37 1993, are hereby reappropriated to the governor's office of

1 international relations and protocol for the biennium ending June 30,  
2 1995, for the purposes stated in this section.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act is necessary for the immediate  
4 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the  
5 state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take  
6 effect immediately.

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