
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1646

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By House Committee on Government Operations (originally sponsored by Representatives Benton, Wolfe and Dickerson; by request of Secretary of State)

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1 AN ACT Relating to the creation of a citizen suggestion program;
2 amending RCW 41.60.015; adding a new chapter to Title 41 RCW; providing
3 an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** It is the intent of the legislature to
6 provide a process for the citizens of the state of Washington to make
7 suggestions to the state government to improve quality, processes,
8 procedures, and service. It is also the intent of the legislature to
9 enhance the membership of the board with private citizen involvement.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** Unless the context clearly requires
11 otherwise, the definitions in this section apply throughout this
12 chapter.

13 (1) "Board" means the productivity board.

14 (2) "Citizen suggestion program" means the program developed by the
15 board to solicit citizen suggestions to improve the operations of state
16 government under this chapter.

17 (3) "Citizen" means any person living in the state of Washington.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** (1) The board shall formulate, establish,
2 and maintain a citizen suggestion program to encourage suggestions by
3 state citizens that will promote efficiency and economy in the
4 performance of any function of state government.

5 (2) The board shall adopt rules necessary or appropriate for the
6 proper administration and for the accomplishment of the purposes of
7 this chapter.

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** The board shall make the final determination
9 as to whether a citizen suggestion award will be made and determine the
10 nature and extent of the award with a maximum of one hundred dollars.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** The board shall determine which agencies are
12 responsible to implement the citizen's suggestion. These agencies will
13 receive a copy of the suggestion for evaluation and potential
14 implementation. Evaluation and an implementation plan, if appropriate,
15 of the suggestions should be accomplished within two months. Agencies
16 are encouraged to notify the suggestor as to the result of their
17 suggestion. Suggestions covering areas of general government processes
18 shall be sent to the office of the governor and to the president of the
19 senate and the speaker of the house of representatives.

20 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** Each citizen who submits a suggestion on the
21 authorized form which includes name, address, phone number, and social
22 security number shall receive a letter of commendation and
23 appreciation.

24 **Sec. 7.** RCW 41.60.015 and 1993 c 467 s 2 are each amended to read
25 as follows:

26 (1) There is hereby created the productivity board. The board
27 shall administer the employee suggestion program and the teamwork
28 incentive program under this chapter.

29 (2) The board shall be composed of:

30 (a) The secretary of state who shall act as chairperson;

31 (b) The state auditor;

32 (c) The director of personnel appointed under the provisions of RCW
33 41.06.130 or the director's designee;

34 (~~(e)~~) (d) The director of financial management or the director's
35 designee;

1 (~~(d) The personnel director appointed under the provisions of RCW~~
2 ~~28B.16.060 or the director's designee;~~)

3 (e) The director of general administration or the director's
4 designee;

5 (f) (~~Three~~) Eight persons with experience in administering
6 incentives such as those used by industry, with the governor(~~(7)~~)
7 appointing two persons, the lieutenant governor(~~(7) and~~) appointing
8 three persons, and the speaker of the house of representatives ((each))
9 appointing ((one)) three persons. The governor's appointee shall be:
10 (i) A representative of an employee organization certified as an
11 exclusive representative of at least one bargaining unit of classified
12 employees, but no one organization may be represented for two
13 consecutive terms; and (ii) a director of a small agency or the
14 director's designee. The members appointed by the lieutenant governor
15 and the speaker of the house of representatives shall be
16 representatives of the private sector;

17 (g) (~~One person representing state agencies and institutions with~~
18 ~~employees subject to chapter 41.06 RCW, and~~) One person representing
19 ((those subject to chapter 28B.16 RCW, both)) the state's institutions
20 of higher learning to be appointed by the governor;

21 (h) One person to represent the brainstorm coordinators or the
22 teamwork incentive program liaisons to be appointed by the secretary of
23 state for a one-year term; and

24 (~~(h)~~) (i) In addition, the governor and board chairperson may
25 jointly appoint persons to the board on an ad hoc basis. Ad hoc
26 members shall serve in an advisory capacity and shall not have the
27 right to vote.

28 Members under subsection (2) (f) and (g) of this section shall be
29 appointed to serve three-year terms.

30 Members of the board appointed pursuant to subsection (2)(f) of
31 this section may be compensated in accordance with RCW 43.03.240. Any
32 board member who is not a state employee may be reimbursed for travel
33 expenses under RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.

34 NEW SECTION. Sec. 8. Sections 1 through 6 of this act shall
35 constitute a new chapter in Title 41 RCW.

36 NEW SECTION. Sec. 9. (1) Sections 1 through 6 of this act shall
37 take effect October 1, 1995.

1 (2) Section 7 of this act is necessary for the immediate
2 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
3 state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take
4 effect immediately.

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