
HOUSE BILL 2583

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By Representatives Cole, Radcliff, Veloria, Rust, Murray and Cody

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1 AN ACT Relating to a capital appropriation for a Shoreline regional
2 economic development center; creating a new section; and making an
3 appropriation.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that the city of
6 Shoreline, the Shoreline chamber of commerce, and Shoreline Community
7 College have formed a public/private partnership that is in the process
8 of creating a regional economic development center to serve south
9 Snohomish and north King counties. This public/private partnership, a
10 pioneering cooperative venture for Washington state, expects the
11 regional economic development center and its programs to serve as a
12 model. The public/private partnership considers a centralized,
13 cooperative center to be essential to meeting the region's shifting
14 demand for land use and family wage employment while balancing
15 community, educational, and business needs.

16 The center will serve as a focal point for area citizens, creating
17 a one-stop service center for community and business needs in south
18 Snohomish and north King counties. The center will maximize scarce
19 resources through joint facility use, centralized services, and shared

1 human resources and it will better position the community for receipt
2 of private and public grants to meet its economic, environmental, and
3 other needs.

4 Moneys saved can then be aimed at delivering direct services to the
5 citizens of the state of Washington.

6 The public/private partnership plans to lease a building in
7 Shoreline, under a lease/option to buy contract, and convert it to
8 house its regional economic development center. The twenty-eight
9 thousand square foot facility will house: (1) The city of Shoreline's
10 planning and permitting functions and other public services; (2) the
11 chamber of commerce, which provides public information and business
12 development assistance and which aids retention and recruitment of new
13 industries for the area; and (3) Shoreline Community College's programs
14 concerning technology and communications training, business and
15 entrepreneurial assistance, individual career planning and development,
16 business incubation assistance, and customized training for business
17 and industry. The collaboration between the public and private
18 partnership also will provide seamless educational opportunities with
19 area school districts.

20 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The sum of one million five hundred thousand
21 dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for
22 the biennium ending June 30, 1997, from the state building construction
23 account to the department of community, trade, and economic development
24 for the purpose of converting a building in Shoreline to house a
25 regional economic development center.

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