

1 **SHB 2170 - H AMD 268 ADOPTED 3-17-97**

2 By Representative Dunn

3 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
4 following:

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that certain
2 industrial investments merit special designation and treatment by
3 governmental entities. The legislature further finds that such
4 investments bolster the local economy and have an impact on the
5 state economy as a whole. It is the intent of the legislature to
6 recognize that certain industrial investments and projects are of
7 state-wide significance and that it is in the state interest to
8 expedite their completion.

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The definitions in this section apply
10 throughout this chapter unless the context clearly requires
11 otherwise.

12 (1) "Department" means the department of community, trade, and
13 economic development.

14 (2) "Director" means the director of the department of
15 community, trade, and economic development.

16 (3) "Eligible projects" means:

17 (a) Construction of new buildings and the acquisition of new
18 machinery and equipment when the buildings, machinery, and
19 equipment are to be used for either manufacturing or research and
20 development activities; or

21 (b) Acquisition of new machinery and equipment to be used for
22 either manufacturing or research and development if the machinery
23 and equipment is housed in a leased new building; or

24 (c) Modernization projects involving construction, renovation,
25 acquisition, or upgrading of existing buildings or machinery and
26 equipment, including labor and services, and are intended to
27 increase the production of the facility.

28 (4) "Local government" means either: (a) A city or county that
29 plans under chapter 36.70 RCW; or (b) a city or county that is
30 required to plan or elects to plan under chapter 36.70A RCW.

1 (5) "Machinery and equipment" has the same meaning as in RCW
2 82.61.010 and 82.63.010.

3 (6) "Manufacturing" has the same meaning as in RCW 82.61.010.

4 (7) "Project of state-wide significance" means an eligible
5 project that meets the requirements of section 3 of this act.

6 (8) "Research and development" has the same meaning as in RCW
7 82.61.010 and 82.63.010.

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** For purposes of this chapter an
9 industrial investment of state-wide significance or a project of
10 state-wide significance is a border crossing project that involves
11 both private and public investments carried out in conjunction with
12 adjacent states or provinces or a private industrial development
13 with private capital investment in manufacturing or research and
14 development. To qualify as an industrial project of state-wide
15 significance, the project must be completed after January 1, 1997,
16 and have:

17 (1) In counties with a population of less than or equal to
18 twenty thousand, a capital investment of twenty million dollars;

19 (2) In counties with a population of greater than twenty
20 thousand but no more than fifty thousand, a capital investment of
21 fifty million dollars;

22 (3) In counties with a population of greater than fifty
23 thousand but no more than one hundred thousand, a capital
24 investment of one hundred million dollars;

25 (4) In counties with a population of greater than one hundred
26 thousand but no more than two hundred thousand, a capital
27 investment of two hundred million dollars;

28 (5) In counties with a population of greater than two hundred
29 thousand but no more than four hundred thousand, a capital
30 investment of four hundred million dollars;

31 (6) In counties with a population of greater than four hundred
32 thousand but no more than one million, a capital investment of six
33 hundred million dollars; or

34 (7) In counties with a population of greater than one million,
35 a capital investment of one billion dollars.

36 (8) Been designated by the director as a project of state-wide
37 significance either (a) because the county in which the project is

1 to be located is a distressed county and the economic circumstances
2 of the county merit the additional assistance such designation will
3 bring; or (b) because the impact on a region due to the size and
4 complexity of the project merits such designation.

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** (1) A local government that receives an
6 application for the development of a project of state-wide
7 significance may, at their option, develop a process for expediting
8 the review, approval, permitting, and completion of the project.

9 (2) The local government shall notify the department within
10 ten days of receipt of an application for the development of a
11 project of state-wide significance. The notification to the
12 department shall contain information on the type of project, the
13 amount of public and private investment in the project, and the
14 local government contact person.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** (1) The director shall assign an
16 ombudsman to each project of state-wide significance. The
17 ombudsman is responsible for assembling a team of state and local
18 government and private officials to help meet the planning and
19 development needs of the specific project of state-wide
20 significance.

21 (2) The ombudsman shall include those in the team that have
22 responsibility over the planning, permitting and licensing,
23 infrastructure development, work force development services,
24 transportation services, and the provision of utilities for the
25 specific project of state-wide significance.

26 (3) The team shall work together to expedite the approval of
27 necessary permits for the furtherance of the specific project.

28 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** Sections 1 through 5 of this act
29 constitute a new chapter in Title 43 RCW.-

EFFECT: Removes the \$1,000 per person investment requirement
for designation of project of state-wide significance and
replaces it with designation based on county population.
Clarifies language to allow director to designate projects in
distressed areas that do not meet investment thresholds.

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Allows local governments the option to use expedited process.