

FINAL BILL REPORT

HB 1187

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Contracting with associate development organizations.

Sponsors: Representatives Alexander, Van Luven, McMorris, DeBolt, Morris, Veloria, Sheldon, Pennington, Sump and Hatfield.

House Committee on Trade & Economic Development
Senate Committee on Commerce & Labor

Background: An associate development organization (ADO) is a local economic development nonprofit corporation that consists of representatives of community and economic interests, including, but not limited to, local governments, local chambers of commerce, private industry councils, port districts, labor groups, and institutions of higher education.

The purpose of the ADO is to identify key economic and community development problems, develop appropriate solutions, and mobilize broad support for recommended initiatives. The ADO then assumes the leadership role in the coordination of efficient delivery of services designed to implement the recommended initiatives. The 33 ADOs in the state operate on either a county-wide basis or consist of a consortium of two or more counties.

The Department of Community, Trade and Economic Development is the primary state agency charged with assisting communities or regional areas in their community and economic development efforts. The department may enter into contracts with ADOs to provide funding that either supports or coordinates the delivery of community and economic development services in communities or regional areas. Local ADOs have used this funding for specific projects, creation of an economic development or action plan, and general support for the budget of the local ADO.

Summary: The Department of Community, Trade and Economic Development is required to contract with Associate Development Organizations or other local organizations for coordinated community and economic development services in communities and regional areas.

Votes on Final Passage:

House 95 0

Senate 44 0

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