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1 AN ACT Relating to associate development organizations; and
2 amending RCW 43.330.080.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.330.080 and 1993 c 280 s 11 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 (1) The department ((may)) shall contract with associate
7 development organizations or other local organizations to increase the
8 support for and coordination of community and economic development
9 services in communities or regional areas. The organizations
10 contracted with in each community or regional area shall be broadly
11 representative of community and economic interests. The organization
12 shall be capable of identifying key economic and community development
13 problems, developing appropriate solutions, and mobilizing broad
14 support for recommended initiatives. The contracting organization
15 shall work with and include local governments, local chambers of
16 commerce, private industry councils, port districts, labor groups,
17 institutions of higher education, community action programs, and other
18 appropriate private, public, or nonprofit community and economic

1 development groups. The department shall be responsible for
2 determining the scope of services delivered under these contracts.

3 (2) Associate development organizations or other local development
4 organizations contracted with shall promote and coordinate, through
5 local service agreements with local governments, small business
6 development centers, port districts, community and technical colleges,
7 private industry councils, and other development organizations, for the
8 efficient delivery of community and economic development services in
9 their areas.

10 (3) The department shall consult with associate development
11 organizations, port districts, local governments, and other local
12 development organizations in the establishment of service delivery
13 regions throughout the state. The legislature encourages local
14 associate development organizations to form partnerships with other
15 associate development organizations in their region to combine
16 resources for better access to available services, to encourage
17 regional delivery of state services, and to build the local capacity of
18 communities in the region more effectively.

19 (4) The department shall contract on a regional basis for surveys
20 of key sectors of the regional economy and the coordination of
21 technical assistance to businesses and employees within the key
22 sectors. The department's selection of contracting organizations or
23 consortiums shall be based on the sufficiency of the organization's or
24 consortium's proposal to examine key sectors of the local economy
25 within its region adequately and its ability to coordinate the delivery
26 of services required by businesses within the targeted sectors.
27 Organizations contracting with the department shall work closely with
28 the department to examine the local economy and to develop strategies
29 to focus on developing key sectors that show potential for long-term
30 sustainable growth. The contracting organization shall survey
31 businesses and employees in targeted sectors on a periodic basis to
32 gather information on the sector's business needs, expansion plans,
33 relocation decisions, training needs, potential layoffs, financing
34 needs, availability of financing, and other appropriate information
35 about economic trends and specific employer and employee needs in the
36 region.

37 (5) The contracting organization shall participate with the work
38 force training and education coordinating board as created in chapter
39 28C.18 RCW, and any regional entities designated by that board, in

1 providing for the coordination of job skills training within its
2 region.

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