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1 AN ACT Relating to the executive-legislative task force on
2 international trade; creating new sections; and providing an expiration
3 date.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that international
6 trade is vital to the economy of the state of Washington. The state of
7 Washington is the fifth largest exporting state in the United States,
8 after California, Texas, New York, and Michigan respectively.

9 The legislature further finds that this state's international
10 business relationships are comprised of four interrelated categories:
11 Two-way and three-way trade, investment, education, and tourism. In
12 1994, Washington's two-way trade totaled \$75.4 billion, with exports at
13 \$32.3 billion of the total. In 1992, investors from twenty foreign
14 countries owned approximately two hundred seventy-five businesses in
15 the state of Washington, employing an estimated twenty-five thousand
16 three hundred fifty-five persons state-wide. In 1994, approximately
17 two million three hundred thousand international travelers visited the
18 state of Washington. It is now estimated that one in five jobs in the
19 state of Washington is related to international trade.

1 The legislature further finds that international trade
2 opportunities are substantial in both established markets like Japan,
3 Taiwan, Canada, Mexico, and the European Union, and new, growing
4 markets like China, Southeast Asia, South Africa, Spain, and the
5 Russian Far East.

6 The legislature further finds that there is a need to evaluate the
7 state's role in the promotion of international trade. A unique
8 partnership between the public and private sector can attract increased
9 international trade opportunities and encourage investment in the state
10 of Washington.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) There is created the executive-
12 legislative task force on international trade to consist of twenty-two
13 members.

14 (a) The task force shall consist of the following members:

15 (i) The governor, who shall serve as chair;

16 (ii) The chair of the committee on trade and economic development
17 of the house of representatives, who shall serve as vice chair;

18 (iii) Two representatives from the house of representatives,
19 appointed by the speaker of the house, one from each political party;

20 (iv) Two representatives from the senate, appointed by the
21 president of the senate, one from each political party;

22 (v) The secretary of state;

23 (vi) Four representatives of businesses involved in international
24 trade, one representative shall be from a business with less than fifty
25 employees, one representative shall be from businesses with less than
26 five hundred employees, and two representatives shall be from
27 businesses with more than five hundred employees;

28 (vii) Two representatives of organized labor, one representative
29 each from manufacturing and maritime industries;

30 (viii) Two representatives of public ports, one representative
31 shall be from a port that is located east of the crest of the Cascade
32 mountains;

33 (ix) Two representatives of local economic development
34 organizations, one representative shall be from an organization that is
35 located east of the crest of the Cascade mountains;

36 (x) Two representatives from cities with a population of at least
37 one hundred seventy-five thousand and that have a public port; and

38 (xi) One representative at large.

1 (b) The following two members shall serve as ex officio, nonvoting
2 members:

3 (i) The director of the department of community, trade, and
4 economic development; and

5 (ii) The director of the Washington state department of
6 agriculture.

7 (2) The governor shall appoint all nonlegislative members to the
8 executive-legislative task force on international trade. The
9 nonlegislative members of the executive-legislative task force on
10 international trade shall serve without compensation, but shall be
11 reimbursed for travel expenses as provided in RCW 43.03.050 and
12 43.03.060. Legislative members of the executive-legislative task force
13 on international trade shall be reimbursed for travel expenses as
14 provided in RCW 44.04.120.

15 (3) The executive-legislative task force on international trade
16 shall meet regularly and may appoint technical advisory committees,
17 which may include members of the executive-legislative task force on
18 international trade, as needed to address specific issues and concerns.

19 (4) The department of community, trade, and economic development,
20 in conjunction with the Washington state department of agriculture and
21 the legislature, shall supply such information and assistance as is
22 deemed necessary for the executive-legislative task force on
23 international trade to carry out its duties under section 3 of this
24 act.

25 (5) The office of the governor and the legislature shall provide
26 administrative and clerical assistance to the executive-legislative
27 task force on international trade.

28 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The executive-legislative task force on
29 international trade shall:

30 (1) Review existing state programs and incentives designed to
31 encourage international trade and domestic trade opportunities;

32 (2) Review the existing state organizational structure for
33 international trade and trade-related functions;

34 (3) Review international trade promotion programs, organizational
35 structures, and efforts in selected states and countries;

36 (4) Make recommendations on the state's international trade and
37 trade-related functions including, but not limited to:

38 (a) The role of the state in promoting international trade;

1 (b) The appropriate organizational structure of the state's
2 international trade and trade-related programs and incentives;

3 (c) The role of government and the private sector in promoting
4 international trade;

5 (d) The role of the state's foreign trade offices in international
6 trade;

7 (e) The role of the legislature in international trade;

8 (f) The need for a comprehensive and coordinated state
9 international trade policy; and

10 (g) Other issues the task force deems appropriate; and

11 (5) Prepare and submit to the governor and the appropriate policy
12 committees of the house of representatives and the senate, by January
13 30, 1998, a report detailing its findings and recommendations regarding
14 specific programs, organizational, legislative, and funding issues, and
15 any other recommendations it deems appropriate.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** The executive-legislative task force on
17 international trade may receive gifts, grants, or endowments from
18 public and private sources that are made from time to time, in trust or
19 otherwise, for the use and benefit of the purposes of the executive-
20 legislative task force on international trade and spend gifts, grants,
21 or endowments or income from the public or private sources according to
22 their terms, unless the receipt of the gifts, grants, or endowments
23 violates RCW 42.17.710.

24 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** This act expires March 1, 1998.

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