

2 **SB 6617** - S AMD - 120
3 By Senators Hale and Prentice

4 ADOPTED 2/15/00

5 On page 2, after line 27, insert the following:

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The legislature finds that economic
7 development, work force training, international trade, tourism
8 development, housing assistance, assistance to local governments, and
9 other programs and services provided by the department of community,
10 trade, and economic development are vital to all regions of the state.
11 The legislature further finds that program development and service
12 delivery to the eastern region of the state could be significantly
13 enhanced by a continuous, full-time physical staff presence in that
14 region.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** For the purposes of this act:

16 (1) "Department" means the department of community, trade, and
17 economic development, or its successor agency or agencies.

18 (2) "Director" means the director of the department.

19 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** In order to more effectively respond to the
20 needs of eastern Washington communities, the department shall, as soon
21 as practicable, establish a field office and a full-time staff presence
22 in eastern Washington. If practicable, the office shall be colocated
23 with one or more existing state agencies in the Tri-Cities area to
24 facilitate the urgent economic development needs of southeastern
25 Washington. This office shall be staffed by the director in the most
26 efficient manner that is likely to provide improved service to eastern
27 Washington communities.

28 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** Program activities and priorities for this
29 office serving eastern Washington shall be determined by the director,
30 in consultation with local government officials, business, labor, and
31 educational advisors from the region.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** This act is necessary for the immediate
2 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
3 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect
4 immediately."

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Renumber the sections consecutively and correct any internal references accordingly.

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On page 1, on line 1 of the title, after "capacity;", strike the remainder of the title and insert "amending RCW 43.330.070; creating new sections; and declaring an emergency."

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EFFECT: Directs CTED to establish a presence in eastern Washington.