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BILL REQ. #: H-2410.1/01

ATTY/TYPIST: JM:rmh

BRIEF DESCRIPTION:

3 SCR 8406 - H COMM AMD
4 By Committee on Trade & Economic Development

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6 On page 1, beginning on line 1, strike the remainder of the
7 resolution and insert the following:

8 "WHEREAS, Washington state trade missions play a vital and
9 important role in the state's economic development, promoting the
10 growth of businesses and agriculture, and resulting in job creation;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, The participation of Washington state legislators in trade
13 missions is critical to the success of fostering strong relations with
14 the state's trading partners and creating new trade opportunities for
15 businesses in Washington state; and

16 WHEREAS, The participation of Washington state legislators in trade
17 missions enables the legislature to craft legislation which better
18 addresses trade and fosters better understanding between the people of
19 Washington state and the people of other nations; and

20 WHEREAS, The involvement of Washington state legislators in trade
21 missions should be governed by protocols adopted by the legislature;

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Senate of the state of
23 Washington, the House of Representatives concurring, That state trade
24 missions will be initiated and organized by the executive of the
25 agency, which includes the Office of the Governor; and

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the following protocol order of
27 precedence will be established for executive agency trade missions:

- 28 (1) Governor;
- 29 (2) Lieutenant governor;
- 30 (3) Secretary of state;
- 31 (4) State treasurer;
- 32 (5) State auditor;
- 33 (6) Attorney general;
- 34 (7) Superintendent of public instruction;
- 35 (8) Commissioner of public lands;
- 36 (9) Insurance commissioner;
- 37 (10) Chief justice of the supreme court;
- 38 (11) Former governors;

- 1 (12) Justices of the supreme court;
2 (13) Members of the executive cabinet:
3 (a) Director of agriculture;
4 (b) Director of trade and economic development;
5 (c) Other members of the governor's executive cabinet;
6 (d) Chief of staff to the governor;
7 (e) Governor's special trade representative;
8 (14) Speaker of the house of representatives;
9 (15) President pro tempore of the senate;
10 (16) Members of the senate;
11 (17) Former lieutenant governors;
12 (18) Members of the house of representatives;
13 (19) Former secretaries of state; and

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the executive agency organizing the
15 trade mission will inform both houses of the legislature, as well as
16 the chair and ranking minority member of the appropriate legislative
17 committees involved in agriculture and trade issues, of forthcoming
18 trade missions in a timely manner. In its official notice to the
19 legislature and appropriate legislative committees, the executive
20 agency is responsible for providing the following information:

21 (1) A statement of trade mission objectives, dates, and expected
22 itinerary; and

23 (2) A description of the type of knowledge, background, and
24 experience held by a delegation member which might provide assistance
25 to the trade mission; and

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the legislature shall develop criteria
27 for legislator participation in trade missions; and

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Office of the Governor, in
29 consultation with the legislature, shall develop a two-tier fee system
30 that establishes separate fees for nonlegislative participants and
31 legislative participants where the fee charged legislative
32 participants, including their guests and legislative staff, does not
33 exceed the actual costs associated with their participation in the
34 trade mission; and

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the secretary of the Senate and the
36 Co-Chief Clerks of the House of Representatives shall explore and make
37 recommendations to the legislature on methods to cover the costs of
38 legislative member participation in trade missions; and

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the executive agency may request that
2 one or more of the participating legislators serve as honorary
3 designated leaders of the trade mission; and

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That at least one or more legislators from
5 each caucus of the Senate and the House of Representatives may
6 participate in the trade mission, depending on the size and scope of
7 the trade mission. The legislature will notify the executive agency of
8 legislative participants in a timely manner; and

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That whenever possible, legislators
10 possessing business, foreign market, language, cultural expertise, or
11 pertinent committee involvement to the trade mission are encouraged to
12 participate; and

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That each legislative participant is
14 responsible for assisting the trade mission to achieve its stated goals
15 and objectives; and

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the designated leader of the trade
17 mission will work closely with agency staff to develop the trade
18 mission protocols and responsibilities and define the working
19 relationship with agency staff; and

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That following completion of the trade
21 mission, upon request, each legislative participant is encouraged to
22 provide feedback concerning the mission and its results to the agency
23 in a timely manner; and

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That nothing in this resolution precludes
25 members of the legislature from participating in the trade mission."

EFFECT: The striking amendment: (1) Establishes a protocol order of precedence for trade missions; (2) requires notification to chair and ranking minority members of appropriate legislative committees; (3) requires a two-tier fee system for participation in a trade mission (legislator fee not to exceed actual costs); and (4) requires the co-chief clerks and secretary of the senate to explore methods to cover the cost of legislator participation in trade missions.

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