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1 AN ACT Relating to regional job skills programs; adding a new
2 section to chapter 43.330 RCW; and making appropriations.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 43.330 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) The department of community, trade, and economic development
7 shall establish the Washington jobs initiative program. The department
8 shall provide grants to local governments for the purpose of creating
9 local or regional programs designed to achieve livable wage jobs,
10 promote retention and upward mobility for low-income job seekers by
11 supplying regional employers with qualified workers, and by working on
12 job and job-related system improvements.

13 (2) Grants awarded under this section must be used to develop
14 strategies that:

15 (a) Assist unemployed and underemployed residents obtain livable
16 wage jobs in targeted sectors in the regional economy;

17 (b) Help low-income residents access job opportunities with
18 businesses that benefit from local government led economic development

1 efforts by establishing first-source and voluntary hiring agreements
2 with those businesses;

3 (c) Create pathways to employment that are longer-term and more
4 intensive for residents that are harder to serve due to chronic
5 unemployment or lack of work experience; and

6 (d) Coordinate services of the public and private sector, and
7 community organizations to provide outreach, recruitment, and job
8 readiness services to low-income job seekers.

9 (3) The department shall develop, by rule, guidelines regarding the
10 amount of funds awarded to local governments, performance evaluation
11 standards, and other guidelines the department deems necessary for the
12 administration of this section.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The sum of five hundred thousand dollars, or
14 as much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for the fiscal
15 year ending June 30, 2002, from the general fund to the department of
16 community, trade, and economic development for the purposes of section
17 1 of this act.

18 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The sum of five hundred thousand dollars, or
19 as much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for the fiscal
20 year ending June 30, 2003, from the general fund to the department of
21 community, trade, and economic development for the purposes of section
22 1 of this act.

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