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1 AN ACT Relating to fostering economic resilience and development in  
2 Washington by supporting the maritime industry and other manufacturing  
3 sectors; creating new sections; and providing an expiration date.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature recognizes the important  
6 role of the maritime industry and other manufacturing sectors in  
7 creating and sustaining economic opportunities in Washington. The  
8 maritime industry and other manufacturing sectors account for forty  
9 percent of the gross domestic product in Washington. In looking to the  
10 state's future, the legislature finds that supporting the maritime  
11 industry and other manufacturing sectors is critical to building and  
12 sustaining a diverse and resilient economy in Washington.

13 The maritime industry and other manufacturing sectors are  
14 interconnected with the public infrastructure, including ports, roads,  
15 railways, energy facilities, and water-sewer facilities. The  
16 protection and expansion of public infrastructure, including through  
17 urban planning and disaster recovery planning, is crucial to the  
18 success of the maritime industry and other manufacturing sectors.

1 To that end, the legislature intends to engage in a collaborative  
2 process with state agencies, local governments, and private sector  
3 leaders to evaluate whether changes in state and local policies are  
4 necessary to foster resilience and growth in the maritime industry and  
5 other manufacturing sectors. Through the establishment of the joint  
6 select legislative task force, the legislature intends to take action  
7 to support and sustain the maritime industry and other manufacturing  
8 sectors as the region continues to recover from the national financial  
9 crisis and progresses toward a future of increased economic opportunity  
10 for all citizens of the state.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1)(a) A joint select legislative task force  
12 on the economic resilience of maritime and manufacturing in Washington  
13 is established, with members as provided in this subsection.

14 (i) The speaker of the house of representatives shall appoint three  
15 members from each of the two largest caucuses of the house of  
16 representatives.

17 (ii) The president of the senate shall appoint three members from  
18 each of the two largest caucuses of the senate.

19 (iii) The governor shall appoint one member to represent the  
20 department of commerce.

21 (b) The legislative members of the task force shall select cochairs  
22 from among the membership, one from the house of representatives and  
23 one from the senate.

24 (2)(a) The task force shall develop recommendations that achieve  
25 the following objectives:

26 (i) Identify the maritime and manufacturing sectors of economic  
27 significance to the state;

28 (ii) Identify and assess the critical public infrastructure that  
29 supports and sustains the maritime and manufacturing sectors;

30 (iii) Identify the barriers to maintaining and expanding the  
31 maritime and manufacturing sectors;

32 (iv) Identify and assess the educational resources and support  
33 services available to local governments with respect to supporting and  
34 sustaining the development of the maritime and manufacturing sectors;

35 (v) Promote regulatory consistency and certainty in the areas of  
36 urban planning, land use permitting, and business development in a

1 manner that encourages the maritime and manufacturing industries in  
2 urban areas;

3 (vi) Encourage cooperation between the public and private sectors  
4 to foster economic growth;

5 (vii) Identify aspects of state policy that have an impact on  
6 fostering resilience and growth in the maritime and manufacturing  
7 sectors, such as storm water policy and other food fish-related issues;  
8 and

9 (viii) Maximize the opportunities for employment in the maritime  
10 industry and other manufacturing sectors in Washington.

11 (b) The recommendations of the task force must include a short and  
12 long-term action plan for the legislature to support and sustain the  
13 maritime industry and other manufacturing sectors in Washington. The  
14 recommendations of the task force may also include specific legislative  
15 approaches, such as changes to state law, and nonlegislative  
16 approaches, such as action plans for state agencies and local  
17 governments.

18 (3) The task force shall consult with local governments, state  
19 agencies, and private sector interests as appropriate, which must  
20 include, but are not limited to: The department of commerce, the  
21 department of transportation, the office of regulatory assistance, the  
22 workforce training and education coordinating board, associate  
23 development organizations, local industrial councils, local labor  
24 trades councils, and chambers of commerce.

25 (4) The task force shall submit to the governor and the appropriate  
26 committees of the legislature a work plan by December 1, 2014, and a  
27 report with the task force's final findings and recommendations by  
28 November 1, 2015.

29 (5) Staff support for the task force must be provided by the senate  
30 committee services and the house of representatives office of program  
31 research.

32 (6) Legislative members of the task force must be reimbursed for  
33 travel expenses in accordance with RCW 44.04.120. Nonlegislative  
34 members, except those representing an employer or organization, are  
35 entitled to be reimbursed for travel expenses in accordance with RCW  
36 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.

37 (7) The expenses of the task force must be paid jointly by the  
38 senate and the house of representatives. Task force expenditures are

1 subject to approval by the senate facilities and operations committee  
2 and the house of representatives executive rules committee, or their  
3 successor committees.

4 (8) This section expires June 1, 2016.

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