

SENATE BILL REPORT

HB 2430

As of February 19, 2018

Title: An act relating to eliminating the joint legislative oversight committee on trade policy.

Brief Description: Eliminating the joint legislative oversight committee on trade policy.

Sponsors: Representative Hudgins.

Brief History: Passed House: 2/13/18, 93-5.

Committee Activity: Economic Development & International Trade: 2/22/18.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Eliminates the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Trade Policy (Committee).

SENATE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & INTERNATIONAL TRADE

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Background: The Committee is an 11-member committee, comprised of four senators, four representatives, and three ex-officio members. The President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives appoint members respectively, jointly appointing ex-officio members. Staff support is provided by Senate Committee Services and the House Office of Program Research.

The Committee may examine any aspects of international trade, international economic integration, and trade agreements that the members deem appropriate, and is required to:

- annually hear public testimony and report to the state Trade Representative's Office and Legislature on the impacts of international trade agreements and negotiations on the state;
- conduct an annual assessment and report to the Legislature on the impacts of international trade agreements upon Washington law; and
- maintain active communication with the United States and state trade offices, the state's congressional delegation, the National Conference of State Legislatures, and

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any other bodies the committee deems appropriate regarding ongoing developments in international trade agreements and policy.

Other State and Legislative Trade Policy Involvement. There are other state and legislative trade policy-related offices and committees, including the Office of the Washington State Trade Representative, the Legislative Committee on Economic Development & International Relations and its Subcommittee on International Trade, the House Technology and Economic Development Committee, and Senate Economic Development and International Relations Committee.

Summary of Bill: The act creating the Committee is repealed, eliminating the Committee and the Lieutenant Governor's duty to appoint members of the Committee.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Creates Committee/Commission/Task Force that includes Legislative members: No.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect on July 1, 2018.