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**SENATE BILL 6656**

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**By** Senators Hasegawa, Mullet, and Frockt

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1 AN ACT Relating to engaging with key international markets;  
2 adding a new section to chapter 43.330 RCW; and making an  
3 appropriation.

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

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

7 (1) The department shall engage with key international markets to  
8 increase trade and investment opportunities for Washington companies  
9 and regions.

10 (2) The department engagement with international markets shall  
11 focus on three deliverables:

12 (a) Increased international business opportunities for Washington  
13 businesses, particularly small businesses in rural communities;

14 (b) Increased investment in Washington by multinational companies  
15 in communities statewide; and

16 (c) The maintenance and development of new partnerships with, but  
17 not limited to, international governments, businesses and  
18 organizations, focusing on the innovative industries of tomorrow,  
19 including clean technology (such as battery storage, renewables, and  
20 electrified transportation), aerospace, agriculture, information,  
21 communication technology, advanced manufacturing, and life sciences.

1           (3) The department shall establish representation in key  
2 international markets that include, but are not limited to: Japan,  
3 Taiwan, China, South Korea, United Kingdom, France, Germany, Canada,  
4 Vietnam, India, United Arab Emirates, and Mexico.

5           NEW SECTION.   **Sec. 2.** The sum of two million dollars, or as much  
6 thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for the fiscal year  
7 ending June 30, 2021, from the general fund to the department of  
8 commerce for the purposes of this act.

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