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**SENATE BILL 5943**

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**By** Senators Hasegawa, Hunt, and Kuderer

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1 AN ACT Relating to establishing the task force on motion picture  
2 competitiveness; creating new sections; and providing an expiration  
3 date.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that the goal of the  
6 motion picture competitiveness program is to provide an economic  
7 development tool for rebuilding motion picture and associated  
8 creative industries' infrastructure by attracting producers who will  
9 support the development of a strong and diverse motion picture  
10 industry.

11 The legislature further finds that an evaluation of this tool is  
12 necessary to ensure that local producers have equity of access to  
13 industry opportunities and to ensure that the motion picture  
14 competitiveness program is achieving the desired result for the  
15 people of the state.

16 Therefore, the legislature intends to create a joint task force  
17 to study the motion picture competitiveness program's progress as an  
18 economic development tool that facilitates equal opportunities for  
19 producers in motion picture industries and develops an infrastructure  
20 that supports motion picture, video, and media production and  
21 postproduction.

1        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 2.**    (1)(a) A joint legislative task force on  
2 motion picture competitiveness is established, with members as  
3 provided in this subsection.

4        (i) The president of the senate must appoint one member from each  
5 of the two largest caucuses of the senate.

6        (ii) The speaker of the house of representatives must appoint one  
7 member from each of the two largest caucuses of the house of  
8 representatives.

9        (iii) The president of the senate and the speaker of the house of  
10 representatives jointly must appoint six members representing the  
11 interests of motion picture, video, and media production and  
12 associated creative industries, including postproduction.

13        (iv) The task force must include diverse, statewide  
14 representation and its membership must reflect regional, racial, and  
15 cultural diversity.

16        (b) The task force must choose its cochairs from among its  
17 membership. The legislative members must convene the initial meeting  
18 of the task force.

19        (2) The task force must:

20        (a) Evaluate data on motion picture competitiveness program  
21 funding assistance recipients to identify trends that may affect  
22 equity of access to funding assistance;

23        (b) Develop practices that will promote equity of access to  
24 funding assistance;

25        (c) Make recommendations to the legislature regarding policies to  
26 improve the motion picture competitiveness program.

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

30        (4) Legislative members of the task force are reimbursed for  
31 travel expenses in accordance with RCW 44.04.120. Nonlegislative  
32 members are not entitled to be reimbursed for travel expenses if they  
33 are elected officials or are participating on behalf of an employer,  
34 governmental entity, or other organization. Any reimbursement for  
35 other nonlegislative members is subject to chapter 43.03 RCW.

36        (5) The expenses of the task force must be paid jointly by the  
37 senate and the house of representatives. Task force expenditures are  
38 subject to approval by the senate facilities and operations committee  
39 and the house of representatives executive rules committee, or their  
40 successor committees.

1           (6) The task force must report its findings and recommendations  
2 to the appropriate committees of the legislature by December 1, 2019.  
3           (7) This section expires December 1, 2020.

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