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**By** Representatives Ryu, Volz, Eslick, Reeves, Shavers, Zahn, Pollet, Reed, Nance, Kloba, and Barnard

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1 AN ACT Relating to a five-year statewide economic development  
2 plan; adding a new section to chapter 43.330 RCW; providing an  
3 effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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) An advisory committee for a five-year statewide economic  
8 development plan is established with 15 members, who must reflect the  
9 geographic, racial, and ethnic diversity of the state and be  
10 inclusive of historically marginalized communities. The advisory  
11 committee must include:

12 (a) One representative from the department's office of economic  
13 development and competitiveness, who shall be appointed by the  
14 director and serve as chair;

15 (b) Two representatives and two senators, representing each of  
16 the four caucuses;

17 (c) One representative of the governor's office;

18 (d) The director of the workforce training and education  
19 coordinating board, as provided in RCW 28C.18.020, or the director's  
20 designee;

1 (e) The director of the department of ecology, as provided in RCW  
2 43.21A.050, or the director's designee; and

3 (f) Seven representatives appointed by the director, representing  
4 an associate development organization, port, labor council, industry  
5 association, research institution, the department's office of tribal  
6 relations, and the department's small business resiliency network.

7 (2) The members of the advisory committee may be reimbursed for  
8 travel expenses as provided in RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.

9 (3) The members of the advisory committee shall serve two-year  
10 terms and may be reappointed.

11 (4) The department must convene an advisory committee every five  
12 years, beginning in 2025, to:

13 (a) Provide guidance to the department identifying priorities and  
14 recommendations for a five-year statewide economic development plan;

15 (b) Meet at least three times during the first plan development  
16 year, and quarterly in the first plan development year for updated  
17 plans;

18 (c) Hold at least four public meetings in different regions of  
19 the state to solicit input on the priorities and recommendations  
20 during the plan development year;

21 (d) Advise the department on policy recommendations to implement  
22 the five-year economic development plan;

23 (e) Review and provide guidance on recommended legislation to  
24 implement the five-year economic development plan priorities within  
25 one year after the proposal under subsection (7) of this section is  
26 provided; and

27 (f) Organize an economic development summit to include, at a  
28 minimum:

29 (i) Major economic development initiatives;

30 (ii) Updates from regional workforce development boards; and

31 (iii) Industry-specific policy concerns.

32 (5) The advisory committee must be staffed by the department.

33 (6) The department must consult with the following for feedback  
34 on the criteria and content of the five-year statewide economic  
35 development plan prior to the third meeting of the advisory  
36 committee:

37 (a) The state commission on Hispanic affairs, created in chapter  
38 43.115 RCW;

39 (b) The commission on African American affairs, created in  
40 chapter 43.113 RCW;

1 (c) The state commission on Asian Pacific American affairs,  
2 created in chapter 43.117 RCW;

3 (d) The women's commission, created in chapter 43.119 RCW;

4 (e) The office of minority and women's business enterprises,  
5 created in chapter 39.19 RCW; and

6 (f) The employment security department, created in Title 50 RCW.

7 (7) The department must use the advisory committee's guidance and  
8 recommendations, public input, and commission and agency  
9 consultations to develop a final proposal for a five-year statewide  
10 economic development plan. The proposal must include long-term goals  
11 and measurable benchmarks. The department must provide the first  
12 proposal with recommended legislation to the appropriate committees  
13 of the legislature and the governor by November 30, 2025. The  
14 department must provide updated proposals every five years  
15 thereafter.

16 (8) The department must provide recommended legislation, if any,  
17 to implement the five-year statewide economic development plan by  
18 June 30, 2026, and every five years thereafter.

19 (9) The department must provide a progress report on  
20 implementation of the five-year statewide economic development plan  
21 to the appropriate committees of the legislature and the governor two  
22 years after providing the proposal under subsection (7) of this  
23 section.

24 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** This act is necessary for the immediate  
25 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of  
26 the state government and its existing public institutions, and takes  
27 effect May 5, 2025.

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