
HOUSE BILL 1998

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By Representatives Inslee, Rayburn and Edmondson.

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1 AN ACT Relating to economic development; adding new sections to
2 chapter 43.31 RCW; making an appropriation; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that economic
5 growth is taking place unevenly across the state causing some areas to
6 suffer negative impacts from too much growth while other areas
7 experience difficulty in attracting adequate economic development. The
8 state has an interest in reducing the negative impacts of growth in
9 rapidly growing areas while assisting firms and industries located in
10 these areas to relocate or expand into areas of the state in need of
11 economic development.

12 The legislature finds that there is a need to:

13 (1) Limit negative impacts of growth in highly developed areas;

1 (2) Aid regional economies that show promise for economic
2 development but lack adequately prepared industrial locations and have
3 significant rates of poverty;

4 (3) Increase the number of industrial location alternatives
5 available in local areas for companies considering expansion
6 alternatives in low-growth, yet promising areas; and

7 (4) Provide job opportunities in metropolitan areas with sufficient
8 population and service bases, but without adequate industrial
9 infrastructure.

10 The legislature finds that Yakima county is an area that possesses
11 the necessary population and potential for economic development but
12 lacks the industrial parks and locations that are necessary to attract
13 firms and industries from high-growth parts of the state.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The department shall establish an
15 industrial growth management demonstration pilot project to determine
16 how effective an industrial development site is in achieving the goals
17 under section 1 of this act. This project shall provide assistance to
18 Yakima county, cities in Yakima county, or local public nonprofit
19 development corporations in Yakima county in the development of an
20 industrial park, including water, sanitary sewer, natural gas and
21 electrical utilities, drainage, road networks, and lighting. Any
22 industrial park developed under this section shall be owned and
23 controlled by the city or county, or both. The department shall report
24 to the trade and economic development committee in the house of
25 representatives and the economic development and labor committee in the
26 senate and the fiscal committees in the legislature each January
27 beginning in 1992.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The sum of four million dollars, or as
2 much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the general fund
3 for the biennium ending June 30, 1993, to the department of trade and
4 economic development for the purposes of carrying out an industrial
5 growth management demonstration pilot project under section 2 of this
6 act in Yakima county.

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** Sections 1 and 2 of this act are each
8 added to chapter 43.31 RCW.

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** This act is necessary for the immediate
10 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
11 state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take
12 effect immediately.