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1 AN ACT Relating to international trade; adding a new chapter to
2 Title 43 RCW; providing an effective date; providing an expiration
3 date; and declaring an emergency.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The legislature finds that:

6 (a) The expansion of international trade is vital to the overall
7 growth of Washington's economy;

8 (b) On a per capita basis, Washington state is the most
9 international trade-dependent state in the nation;

10 (c) The passage of the North American free trade agreement, the
11 completion of the Uruguay round of the general agreement on tariffs and
12 trade, and the establishment of the world trade organization highlight
13 the increased importance of international trade opportunities to the
14 nation and the state of Washington;

15 (d) The resultant new international opportunities created by these
16 agreements will have a major impact on the state's agriculture, forest
17 products, aerospace, computer software, and textiles and apparel
18 industries;

1 (e) It is important for the governor and legislature to receive
2 additional support and assistance on international trade issues that
3 will significantly impact the state, its businesses, and its citizens;

4 (f) There is a need to strengthen and coordinate the state's
5 activities in promoting and developing its agricultural, forest
6 products, manufacturing, and service industries internationally,
7 especially for small and medium-sized businesses, and minority and
8 women-owned business enterprises; and

9 (g) The importance of having a coherent vision for advancing
10 Washington state's interest in the global economy has rarely been so
11 consequential as it is now.

12 (2) The legislature declares that the purpose of the special trade
13 representative is to strengthen and expand the state's activities in
14 marketing its goods and services internationally.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) The special trade representative is
16 created in the office of the governor. The special trade
17 representative shall be appointed by the governor, and shall serve at
18 the pleasure of the governor. The special trade representative shall
19 be paid a salary to be fixed by the governor in accordance with RCW
20 43.03.040. Staff support and administrative assistance to the special
21 trade representative and Washington trade advisory council shall be
22 provided by the department of community, trade, and economic
23 development.

24 (2) The special trade representative shall serve as the state's
25 trade envoy with foreign governments on trade matters, serve as the
26 state's liaison with the federal government and its agencies on trade
27 matters, serve as liaison with congress on trade matters, and assist
28 with the coordination of state trade promotion efforts.

29 (3) The special trade representative shall advise the governor and
30 legislature with respect to trade matters affecting the state. The
31 special trade representative shall:

32 (a) Consult with the department of agriculture and the various
33 agricultural commissions, created in Title 15 RCW, on the international
34 promotion of Washington agricultural commodities;

35 (b) Consult with the department of community, trade, and economic
36 development on the international promotion of Washington goods and
37 services; and

1 (c) Work with the Washington state trade advisory council, created
2 in section 3 of this act, on strategies to assist Washington businesses
3 to expand international trade opportunities.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** (1) The Washington state trade advisory
5 council is established. The council shall consist of twenty-two
6 members as follows:

7 (a) Two members of trade organizations, appointed by the governor;

8 (b) Two representatives of ports, appointed by the governor;

9 (c) Five representatives of businesses active in exporting goods
10 and services, appointed by the governor;

11 (d) Four representatives from the legislature, with two appointed
12 by the speaker of the house of representatives and two appointed by the
13 president of the senate;

14 (e) Two members with experience in foreign marketing, appointed by
15 the governor;

16 (f) Two members that are experts in financing export transactions,
17 appointed by the governor;

18 (g) The director of the department of community, trade, and
19 economic development or the director's designee;

20 (h) The director of the department of agriculture or the director's
21 designee;

22 (i) The special trade representative, who shall serve as chair; and

23 (j) Two ex-officio members, appointed by the special trade
24 representative.

25 (2) Nonlegislative members may receive reimbursement from the
26 department of community, trade, and economic development for travel
27 under RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060. Legislative members may be
28 reimbursed under RCW 41.04.300.

29 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** (1) The Washington state trade advisory
30 council shall:

31 (a) Advise the governor and the legislature on policies, programs,
32 and activities to enhance the exporting of Washington goods and
33 services to international markets;

34 (b) Review current state export targeting efforts and advise the
35 governor and the legislature regarding markets with potential that
36 currently are not being emphasized;

1 (c) Recommend methods to increase the awareness of international
2 trade, especially its opportunities and importance, throughout the
3 state;

4 (d) Study United States trade legislation and international
5 agreements for their impact on Washington state; and

6 (e) Advise the governor and legislature on how to enhance the
7 system of export promotion and assistance efforts of state and local
8 agencies.

9 (2) The council may accept gifts, grants, donations, devises, and
10 bequests to facilitate the work of the council.

11 (3) The council shall report annually, on its activities, to the
12 governor and legislature by December 1, 1995, and each December 1st
13 thereafter.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** This act is necessary for the immediate
15 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
16 state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take
17 effect July 1, 1995.

18 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** This act shall expire June 30, 1999.

19 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** Sections 1 through 6 of this act shall
20 constitute a new chapter in Title 43 RCW.

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