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1 AN ACT Relating to parking and business improvement areas; and
2 creating new sections.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that economic
5 development and neighborhood revitalization of inner cities is best
6 accomplished through a cooperative partnership involving business,
7 government, and the community. It is the intent of this act to develop
8 a sustainable economic base in inner cities through private, for-profit
9 initiatives and investment based on economic self-interest and genuine
10 competitive advantage.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) The parking and business improvement
12 areas task force is hereby established. The task force shall be for
13 the purposes of:

14 (a) Developing strategies to assist parking and business
15 improvement areas, created under chapter 35.87A RCW, in their
16 revitalization efforts;

1 (b) Identifying existing public and private resources that may be
2 used by parking and business improvement areas in their revitalization
3 efforts; and

4 (c) Proposing public initiatives that will assist parking and
5 business improvement areas in their revitalization efforts.

6 (2) The task force shall be composed of the following members:

7 (a) The director of community, trade, and economic development or
8 the director's designee, who shall serve as chair;

9 (b) The director of revenue or the director's designee, who shall
10 serve as vice-chair;

11 (c) Two representatives from the house of representatives,
12 appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives, one from each
13 caucus;

14 (d) Two representatives from the senate, appointed by the president
15 of the senate, one from each caucus;

16 (e) Four representatives of businesses located within parking and
17 business improvement areas, appointed by the director of community,
18 trade, and economic development;

19 (f) Two representatives from local governments, one from a city and
20 one from a county, to be appointed by the director of community, trade,
21 and economic development; and

22 (g) Three representatives from the general public, appointed by the
23 director of community, trade, and economic development.

24 (3) The task force shall:

25 (a) Review and inventory the existing programs and services
26 available at the federal, state, and local government level that can be
27 used in inner city business revitalization efforts;

28 (b) Examine inner city business revitalization efforts in other
29 states and countries;

30 (c) Identify public and private incentives that would assist inner
31 city business revitalization efforts; and

32 (d) Provide a written report on its findings and recommendations to
33 the legislature no later than December 15, 1996, including any
34 legislation the task force finds necessary for the implementation of
35 its findings and recommendations.

36 (4) The department of community, trade, and economic development
37 shall provide necessary staff support for the purposes of the task
38 force.

1 (5) The task force shall expire January 1, 1997.

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