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**Speaker of the  
House of Representatives**

Approved

CERTIFICATE

I, Marty Brown, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SENATE BILL 6247** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

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**Secretary**

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**Governor of the State of Washington**

**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**

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AS RECOMMENDED BY CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

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**By** Senators Sheldon, Roach, Long, Quigley, Owen, Hale, Fairley, Swecker  
and Drew

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1            AN ACT Relating to economic development; amending RCW 43.163.210  
2 and 43.180.160; and declaring an emergency.

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

4            **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.163.210 and 1994 c 238 s 4 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6            For the purpose of facilitating economic development in the state  
7 of Washington and encouraging the employment of Washington workers at  
8 meaningful wages:

9            (1) The authority may develop and conduct a program or programs to  
10 provide nonrecourse revenue bond financing for the project costs for no  
11 more than five economic development activities, per fiscal year,  
12 included under the authority's general plan of economic development  
13 finance objectives((+)). In addition, the authority may issue tax-  
14 exempt bonds to finance ten manufacturing or processing activities, per  
15 fiscal year, for which the total project cost is less than one million  
16 dollars per project.

17            (2) The authority may also develop and conduct a program that will  
18 stimulate and encourage the development of new products within  
19 Washington state by the infusion of financial aid for invention and

1 innovation in situations in which the financial aid would not otherwise  
2 be reasonably available from commercial sources. The authority is  
3 authorized to provide nonrecourse revenue bond financing for this  
4 program.

5 (a) For the purposes of this program, the authority shall have the  
6 following powers and duties:

7 (i) To enter into financing agreements with eligible persons doing  
8 business in Washington state, upon terms and on conditions consistent  
9 with the purposes of this chapter, for the advancement of financial and  
10 other assistance to the persons for the development of specific  
11 products, procedures, and techniques, to be developed and produced in  
12 this state, and to condition the agreements upon contractual assurances  
13 that the benefits of increasing or maintaining employment and tax  
14 revenues shall remain in this state and accrue to it;

15 (ii) Own, possess, and take license in patents, copyrights, and  
16 proprietary processes and negotiate and enter into contracts and  
17 establish charges for the use of the patents, copyrights, and  
18 proprietary processes when the patents and licenses for products result  
19 from assistance provided by the authority;

20 (iii) Negotiate royalty payments to the authority on patents and  
21 licenses for products arising as a result of assistance provided by the  
22 authority;

23 (iv) Negotiate and enter into other types of contracts with  
24 eligible persons that assure that public benefits will result from the  
25 provision of services by the authority; provided that the contracts are  
26 consistent with the state Constitution;

27 (v) Encourage and provide technical assistance to eligible persons  
28 in the process of developing new products;

29 (vi) Refer eligible persons to researchers or laboratories for the  
30 purpose of testing and evaluating new products, processes, or  
31 innovations; and

32 (vii) To the extent permitted under its contract with eligible  
33 persons, to consent to a termination, modification, forgiveness, or  
34 other change of a term of a contractual right, payment, royalty,  
35 contract, or agreement of any kind to which the authority is a party.

36 (b) Eligible persons seeking financial and other assistance under  
37 this program shall forward an application, together with an application  
38 fee prescribed by rule, to the authority. An investigation and report  
39 concerning the advisability of approving an application for assistance

1 shall be completed by the staff of the authority. The investigation  
2 and report may include, but is not limited to, facts about the company  
3 under consideration as its history, wage standards, job opportunities,  
4 stability of employment, past and present financial condition and  
5 structure, pro forma income statements, present and future markets and  
6 prospects, integrity of management as well as the feasibility of the  
7 proposed product and invention to be granted financial aid, including  
8 the state of development of the product as well as the likelihood of  
9 its commercial feasibility. After receipt and consideration of the  
10 report set out in this subsection and after other action as is deemed  
11 appropriate, the application shall be approved or denied by the  
12 authority. The applicant shall be promptly notified of action by the  
13 authority. In making the decision as to approval or denial of an  
14 application, priority shall be given to those persons operating or  
15 planning to operate businesses of special importance to Washington's  
16 economy, including, but not limited to: (i) Existing resource-based  
17 industries of agriculture, forestry, and fisheries; (ii) existing  
18 advanced technology industries of electronics, computer and instrument  
19 manufacturing, computer software, and information and design; and (iii)  
20 emerging industries such as environmental technology, biotechnology,  
21 biomedical sciences, materials sciences, and optics.

22 (3) The authority may also develop and implement, if authorized by  
23 the legislature, such other economic development financing programs  
24 adopted in future general plans of economic development finance  
25 objectives developed under RCW 43.163.090.

26 (4) The authority may not issue any bonds for the programs  
27 authorized under this section after June 30, 2000.

28 **Sec. 2.** RCW 43.180.160 and 1986 c 264 s 2 are each amended to read  
29 as follows:

30 The total amount of outstanding indebtedness of the commission may  
31 not exceed (~~one and one-half~~) two billion dollars at any time. The  
32 calculation of outstanding indebtedness shall include the initial  
33 principal amount of an issue and shall not include interest that is  
34 either currently payable or that accrues as a part of the face amount  
35 of an issue payable at maturity or earlier redemption. Outstanding  
36 indebtedness shall not include notes or bonds as to which the  
37 obligation of the commission has been satisfied and discharged by

1 refunding or for which payment has been provided by reserves or  
2 otherwise.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** Section 1 of this act is necessary for the  
4 immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or  
5 support of the state government and its existing public institutions,  
6 and shall take effect immediately.

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