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1 AN ACT Relating to the Washington progress board; adding a new  
2 section to chapter 43.330 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

4 NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. The legislature finds that:

5 (1) The Washington economy of the future can provide unparalleled  
6 opportunity while maintaining Washington's traditional values if this  
7 state pursues the future with clarity of purpose and perseverance;

8 (2) The Washington economy is in the midst of a massive transition  
9 created by technological changes, global competition, and new  
10 production practices;

11 (3) In order to maintain employment opportunities, increase income  
12 levels, reduce poverty, and generate the public revenues needed to  
13 provide public services, Washington must increasingly rely on an  
14 economy that adds value to its natural resources and provides a diverse  
15 mix of products;

16 (4) A Washington progress board is needed to:

17 (a) Encourage the discussion and understanding of critical global  
18 and national economic trends that will affect the Washington economy in  
19 the coming decades;

1       (b) Formulate and submit to Washingtonians a strategy that  
2 describes and explains a vision for Washington's economic progress over  
3 the next twenty to thirty years; and

4       (c) Submit to the legislature, for enactment, goals for  
5 Washington's progress, including measurable indicators of the  
6 achievement of those goals, as provided for in this act.

7       NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 43.330 RCW  
8 to read as follows:

9           (1) The Washington progress board is created, consisting of the  
10 governor, nine members appointed by the governor, and the director of  
11 the department of general administration, who shall be a nonvoting ex  
12 officio member.

13           (2)(a) Of the initial appointed members, four shall serve for terms  
14 ending January 31, 2005, and five shall serve for terms ending January  
15 31, 2007. Except for initial appointments, the terms of appointed  
16 members shall be four years. Members may be reappointed.

17           (b)(i) Members of the board shall be representative of the ethnic,  
18 cultural, social, and economic diversity of the people of Washington.

19           (ii) Five of the appointed members of the board shall be residents  
20 of different congressional districts in the state.

21           (c) Members of the board are entitled to travel expenses in  
22 accordance with RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.

23           (3) The governor shall serve as chair of the board and may appoint  
24 an executive officer for the board for a term and with such duties and  
25 powers as the board determines to be necessary or appropriate.

26           (4) A majority of the members of the board constitutes a quorum for  
27 the transaction of business.

28           (5) The board shall meet together as a board as the board  
29 determines necessary at times and places specified by call of the chair  
30 or a majority of the members of the board.

31           (6) The department of community, trade, and economic development,  
32 office of community development, shall provide clerical, technical, and  
33 management personnel to the board to serve as the board's staff.

34           (7)(a) The board shall develop a strategy that addresses the  
35 economic, social, cultural, environmental, and other needs and  
36 aspirations of the people of Washington. The strategy shall address

1 issues that the board determines are necessary and appropriate to  
2 Washington's future. Such issues shall include:

- 3 (i) Education and work force;
- 4 (ii) Public and private cooperation;
- 5 (iii) Environmental quality;
- 6 (iv) Infrastructure;
- 7 (v) Funding and taxation;
- 8 (vi) Organizational excellence; and

9 (vii) Such other issues as the board, by majority vote, adds to the  
10 strategy.

11 (b) When developing the strategy, the board shall hold public  
12 hearings, public meetings, and workshops as needed to ensure the  
13 participation of a broad cross section of Washington's population. The  
14 board shall publicize the public hearings, public meetings, and  
15 workshops in each city in which they are held and shall allow  
16 interested residents and other individuals to appear and be heard by  
17 the board.

18 (c) After considering any written comments and public testimony  
19 relating to the proposed strategy, the board shall revise the strategy  
20 as it considers necessary or appropriate. The board, by a vote of a  
21 majority of its members, shall approve and adopt a final strategy. The  
22 board shall submit, in addition to its adopted strategy, a summary and  
23 digest of comments and public testimony and its response, if any, to  
24 those comments. The adopted strategy shall be submitted to the  
25 legislature not later than December 1, 2009, and every six years  
26 thereafter.

27 (8) As a part of the strategy adopted under subsection (7) of this  
28 section, the board shall also adopt a recommended implementation plan.  
29 The plan shall include recommendations for statutory or other changes  
30 the board considers appropriate, modifications in public fiscal and  
31 spending policies, including the allocation of lottery revenues, and  
32 also recommendations for implementing actions to be carried out by  
33 local governments, businesses, private citizens, and other  
34 organizations.

35 (9)(a) The board shall, in its adopted strategy, include a series  
36 of goals for Washington's progress over the next two to three decades.

37 (b) Goals shall include such measurable indicators of attainment,

1 as the board shall determine, that show the extent to which each goal  
2 is being achieved.

3 (c) Goals shall be reviewed by the legislature, which may propose  
4 legislation that enacts the goals as recommended or that modifies,  
5 deletes, or adds to the goals. Any goals enacted by the legislature  
6 shall become the goals used by the board in its subsequent activities.

7 (d) After enactment, the board may recommend to the legislature  
8 such modifications to the goals as it considers appropriate.

9 (10) The board shall prepare, at least once each biennium, a report  
10 that describes progress toward achievement of the board's strategy,  
11 based on the specific indicators the board adopts for measuring the  
12 attainment of strategic goals. The report shall include an analysis of  
13 issues and trends of strategic significance and shall propose an agenda  
14 that identifies key steps that Washington should take over the  
15 following two years to build for Washington's future. In developing  
16 the report required by this section, the board shall consider the  
17 criteria in this section.

18 (11) The board may adopt rules in accordance with chapter 34.05  
19 RCW.

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