

SSB 5902 - H COMM AMD
By Committee on Appropriations

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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The legislature finds that small
4 technology-based firms are the source of approximately one-half of the
5 economy's major innovations and that it is in the interest of the state
6 to increase participation by Washington state small businesses in the
7 federal small business innovation research program by assisting them in
8 becoming small business innovation research program grant recipients.

9 The legislature further finds that many small business innovators
10 lack the grant-writing skills necessary to prepare a successful small
11 business innovation research program proposal, and the federal program
12 that funded grant-writing assistance has stopped operations. Nearly
13 fifty percent of small businesses trained under the federal program won
14 grants compared to less than ten percent of those that did not receive
15 training.

16 (2) As used in this section:

17 (a) "Small business innovation research program" means the program,
18 enacted pursuant to the small business innovation development act of
19 1982, P.L. 97-219, that provided funds to small businesses to conduct
20 innovative research having commercial application.

21 (b) "Small business" means a corporation, partnership, sole
22 proprietorship, or individual, operating a business for profit, with
23 two hundred fifty employees or fewer, including employees employed in
24 a subsidiary or affiliated corporation, that otherwise meets the
25 requirements of the federal small business innovation research program.

26 (3) The Washington technology center shall establish a small
27 business innovation research assistance program, including a proposal
28 review process, to train and assist Washington small businesses to win
29 phase I small business innovation research program awards.

1 (a) The Washington technology center shall give priority to
2 first-time small business innovation research program applicants, new
3 businesses, and firms with fewer than ten employees.

4 (b) The Washington technology center may charge a fee for this
5 service."

6 Correct the title.

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