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By Committee on Community Development & Housing

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

3 "Sec. 1. RCW 24.50.010 and 2006 c 34 s 2 are each amended to read
4 as follows:

5 (1) Washington manufacturing services is organized as a private,
6 nonprofit corporation in accordance with chapter 24.03 RCW and this
7 section. The mission of the (~~center~~) corporation is to operate a
8 modernization extension system, coordinate a network of public and
9 private modernization resources, and stimulate the competitiveness of
10 small and midsize manufacturers in Washington.

11 (2) (~~Washington manufacturing services shall~~) The corporation
12 must be governed by a board of directors. A majority of the board of
13 directors shall be representatives of small and medium-sized
14 manufacturing firms and industry associations, networks, or consortia.
15 The board (~~shall~~) must also include at least one member representing
16 labor unions or labor councils and, as ex officio members, the director
17 of the department of (~~community, trade, and economic development~~)
18 commerce, the executive director of the state board for community and
19 technical colleges, and the director of the workforce training and
20 education coordinating board, or their respective designees.

21 (3) (~~Washington manufacturing services~~) The corporation may be
22 known as impact Washington and may:

23 (a) Charge fees for services, make and execute contracts with any
24 individual, corporation, association, public agency, or any other
25 entity, and employ all other legal instruments necessary or convenient
26 for the performance of its duties and the exercise of its powers and
27 functions under this chapter; and

28 (b) Receive funds from federal, state, or local governments,
29 private businesses, foundations, or any other source for purposes
30 consistent with this chapter.

1 (4) (~~Washington manufacturing services shall~~) The corporation
2 must:

3 (a) Develop policies, plans, and programs to assist in the
4 modernization of businesses in targeted sectors of Washington's economy
5 and coordinate the delivery of modernization services;

6 (b) Provide information about the advantages of modernization and
7 the modernization services available in the state to federal, state,
8 and local economic development officials, state colleges and
9 universities, and private providers;

10 (c) Collaborate with the Washington quality initiative in the
11 development of manufacturing quality standards and quality
12 certification programs;

13 (d) Collaborate with industry sector and cluster associations to
14 inform import-impacted manufacturers about federal trade adjustment
15 assistance funding;

16 (e) Serve as an information clearinghouse and provide access for
17 users to the federal manufacturing extension partnership national
18 research and information system; and

19 ~~(e)~~ (f) Provide, either directly or through contracts,
20 assistance to industry or cluster associations, networks, or consortia,
21 that would be of value to their member firms in:

22 (i) Adopting advanced business management practices such as
23 strategic planning and total quality management;

24 (ii) Developing mechanisms for interfirm collaboration and
25 cooperation;

26 (iii) Appraising, purchasing, installing, and effectively using
27 equipment, technologies, and processes that improve the quality of
28 goods and services and the productivity of the firm;

29 (iv) Improving human resource systems and workforce training in a
30 manner that moves firms toward flexible, high-performance work
31 organizations;

32 (v) Developing new products;

33 (vi) Conducting market research, analysis, and development of new
34 sales channels and export markets;

35 (vii) Improving processes to enhance environmental, health, and
36 safety compliance; and

37 (viii) Improving credit, capital management, and business finance
38 skills.

1 (5) No more than fifty percent of the funds received by the
2 corporation from the state may be used by the corporation for carrying
3 out the duties under subsection (4)(f) of this section, consistent with
4 the intent of RCW 24.50.005(2)."

5 Correct the title.

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