

2 **SHB 1808** - S AMD
3 By Senator Skratek

4 ADOPTED AS FURTHER AMENDED on page 2, after line 2 - 4/25/93

5 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
6 following:

7 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that the expansion of
8 international trade is vital to the economy of Washington state.
9 International trade-related activities currently account for
10 approximately twenty percent of employment in this state even though
11 only a small percentage of businesses do extensive exporting.
12 Washington's long-term economic prosperity depends on the creation and
13 retention of jobs that international trade provides through providing
14 an expanded marketplace for goods and services produced in this state.
15 Increasing the number of businesses exporting and the foreign markets
16 accessed helps diversify the state economy and make the state's
17 businesses more competitive by providing experience in the
18 international marketplace. There are many international markets that
19 offer export potential for Washington businesses that are not currently
20 being accessed, particularly several Pacific Rim countries. The
21 legislature also finds that there presently exists several programs and
22 initiatives by federal, state, and local governments that have to be
23 coordinated effectively within and among economic development
24 organizations, state agencies, academic institutions, and businesses so
25 as to enhance the sale of goods and services in foreign markets.

26 The legislature further finds that a strategy to expand
27 international trade must be integrated into a comprehensive long-term
28 economic development plan, and that the expertise of the private sector
29 can enhance the joint strategic planning efforts of the governor,
30 executive agencies, and the legislature.

31 Therefore, the legislature declares that an important public
32 purpose can be accomplished through an international trade council
33 that, through coordination and advice, can facilitate increased
34 exporting by Washington businesses.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 44.52 RCW
2 to read as follows:

3 (1) The council on international trade is established. The council
4 shall consist of fifteen members as follows:

5 (a) Two members of trade organizations, appointed by the governor;

6 (b) Two representatives of ports, appointed by the governor;

7 (c) Two representatives of businesses active in exporting goods,
8 appointed by the governor;

9 (d) Three representatives from the executive-legislative committee
10 on economic development created in chapter . . . (Senate Bill No.
11 5300), Laws of 1993;

12 (e) Two members with experience in foreign marketing, appointed by
13 the governor;

14 (f) Two experts in financing export transactions, appointed by the
15 governor;

16 (g) The director of the department of trade and economic
17 development or the director's designee; and

18 (h) The director of the department of agriculture or the director's
19 designee.

20 (2) Nonlegislative members may receive reimbursement from the
21 governor's office for travel under RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.
22 Legislative members may be reimbursed under RCW 41.04.300.

23 (3) The council shall:

24 (a) Advise the executive-legislative committee on economic
25 development regarding policies, programs, and activities to enhance the
26 exporting of Washington goods and services to international markets;

27 (b) Review current state export targeting efforts and advise the
28 executive-legislative committee on economic development regarding
29 markets with potential that currently are not being emphasized;

30 (c) Assist in the coordination of public export programs state-
31 wide;

32 (d) Identify for the executive-legislative committee on economic
33 development current and long-term international trade issues that need
34 to be addressed by the state in its long-term economic development
35 plan;

36 (e) Recommend methods to increase the awareness of international
37 trade, especially its opportunities and its importance, throughout the
38 state;

1 (f) Study the impact of the Uruguay round of the general agreement
2 on tariffs and trade and the north american free trade agreement on the
3 state's small manufacturing and export firms, focusing on the
4 competitive threats and opportunities presented by the trade agreements
5 to the state's six most significant traded sectors as measured by the
6 number of employees in the sector and the aggregate dollar volume of
7 goods and services traded in the sector. The counsel shall identify
8 and utilize existing analyses, studies, and data from the federal
9 government, national and state business and labor organizations, and
10 educational and policy institutes.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The council may accept gifts, grants,
12 donations, devises, and bequests to facilitate the work of the council.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** The council shall make a preliminary report
14 to the executive-legislative committee on economic development on its
15 activities by June 1, 1994, and make a final report by December 1,
16 1994.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** This act shall expire on June 30, 1995.

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21 On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "trade;" strike the remainder
22 of the title and insert "adding a new section to chapter 44.52 RCW;
23 creating new sections; and providing an expiration date."

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