

2 **SHB 1808** - S COMM AMD

3 By Committee on Trade, Technology & Economic Development

4 NOT ADOPTED 4/16/93

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 Therefore, the legislature declares that an important public
27 purpose can be accomplished through the development and implementation
28 of a state policy on international trade.

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

31 (1) The council on international trade is established as a
32 subcommittee of the executive legislative committee on economic
33 development created in chapter . . . (Senate Bill No. 5300), Laws of
34 1993. The council shall consist of at least three members of the full
35 committee and may include advisory members. The advisory members may

1 include a representative of trade organizations, a representative of
2 ports, a representative of businesses active in exporting goods, an
3 expert in foreign marketing, and an expert in export financing.

4 (2) Advisory members may receive reimbursement for travel from the
5 governor's office under RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.

6 (3) The council shall:

7 (a) Review past studies of state export assistance programs and
8 current state export targeting efforts;

9 (b) Develop a strategic plan to enhance international trade for
10 consideration by the full committee, governor, and legislature; and

11 (c) Recommend specific programmatic changes and legislative actions
12 necessary to enhance and coordinate state export assistance efforts."

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16 On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "trade;" strike the remainder
17 of the title and insert "adding a new section to chapter 44.52 RCW; and
18 creating a new section."

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