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1 AN ACT Relating to the North American free trade agreement;
2 creating new sections; providing an expiration date; and declaring an
3 emergency.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that the North
6 American free trade agreement will significantly affect Washington
7 state. These impacts will occur in all aspects of life in this state,
8 particularly the economy, the environment, and the well-being of
9 Washington's citizens. While it is important for the state to fully
10 participate in the discussions regarding ratification of the agreement,
11 few understand the agreement and its implications for Washington state,
12 both positive and negative. The legislature declares that state
13 leaders, particularly executive and legislative leaders, must develop
14 an understanding of the North American free trade agreement and respond
15 to the debate on this issue at the federal level to ensure Washington's
16 interests are protected.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) A temporary committee on the North
18 American free trade agreement is created to review the North American

1 free trade agreement and analyze its impact on Washington state. The
2 committee shall be comprised of:

3 (a) The director of the office of financial management, who shall
4 represent the governor and shall chair the committee;

5 (b) The director of trade and economic development;

6 (c) The director of agriculture;

7 (d) The director of community development;

8 (e) The commissioner of employment security;

9 (f) The secretary of social and health services; and

10 (g) The director of labor and industries.

11 (2) Staffing for the committee shall be provided by the agencies
12 represented on the committee.

13 (3) The committee shall report to the governor and the economic
14 development committees in the legislature no later than June 1, 1993.
15 The report shall summarize the North American free trade agreement and
16 the opportunities and risks it provides for Washington state. The
17 report shall also list strategies to maximize opportunities and
18 neutralize risks.

19 (4) The committee may create advisory committees to assist it in
20 its deliberations. The committee may also hold hearings and take other
21 actions to encourage input from the citizens of Washington state.

22 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act shall expire December 1, 1993.

23 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** This act is necessary for the immediate
24 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
25 state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take
26 effect immediately.

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