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By Representatives Karahalios, Reams, Anderson, Jones, Kessler and Conway; by request of Governor Lowry

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1 AN ACT Relating to expediting the implementation of the merger of  
2 the departments of community development and trade and economic  
3 development; amending RCW 43.330.902; amending 1993 c 280 s 8  
4 (uncodified); providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

6 **Sec. 1.** 1993 c 280 s 8 (uncodified) is amended to read as follows:

7 (1) The director of the department of trade and economic  
8 development and the director of the department of community development  
9 shall, by November 15, 1993, jointly submit a plan to the governor for  
10 the consolidation and smooth transition of the department of trade and  
11 economic development and the department of community development into  
12 the department of community, trade, and economic development so that  
13 the department will operate as a single entity on ((July)) March 1,  
14 1994.

15 (2) The plan shall include, but is not limited to, the following  
16 elements:

17 (a) Strategies for combining the existing functions and  
18 responsibilities of both agencies into a coordinated and unified  
19 department including a strategic plan for each major program area that

1 includes implementation steps, evaluation measures, and methods for  
2 collaboration among programs;

3 (b) Recommendations for any changes in existing programs and  
4 functions of both agencies, including new initiatives and possible  
5 transfer of programs and functions to and from other departments;

6 (c) Implementation steps necessary to bring about operation of the  
7 combined department as a single entity;

8 (d) Benchmarks by which to measure progress and to evaluate the  
9 performance and effectiveness of the department's efforts; and

10 (e) Strategies for coordinating and maximizing federal, state,  
11 local, international, and private sector support for community and  
12 economic development efforts within the state.

13 (3) In developing this plan, the directors shall establish an  
14 advisory committee of representatives of groups using services and  
15 programs of both departments. The advisory committee shall include  
16 representatives of cities, counties, port districts, small and large  
17 businesses, labor unions, associate development organizations, low-  
18 income housing interests, housing industry, Indian tribes, community  
19 action programs, public safety groups, nonprofit community and  
20 development organizations, international trade organizations, minority  
21 and women business organizations, and any other organizations the  
22 directors determine should have input to the plan.

23 **Sec. 2.** RCW 43.330.902 and 1993 c 280 s 86 are each amended to  
24 read as follows:

25 Sections 1 through 7, 9 through 79, 82, and 83 of this act shall  
26 take effect ((July)) March 1, 1994.

27 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act is necessary for the immediate  
28 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the  
29 state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take  
30 effect March 1, 1994.

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