
SECOND SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5698

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By Senate Committee on Trade, Technology & Economic Development
(originally sponsored by Senators Bluechel, Skratek, Sheldon, Williams
and Erwin)

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1 AN ACT Relating to assisting companies to adopt ISO-9000 standards;
2 adding a new section to chapter 43.31 RCW; creating a new section;
3 making an appropriation; and providing an effective date.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that since the
6 publication by the international organization for standardization of
7 its ISO-9000 series of quality systems standards, more than twenty
8 thousand facilities in the United Kingdom and several thousand in
9 Europe have become registered in the standards. By comparison,
10 currently only about four hundred United States companies have adopted
11 the standards. The international organization for standardization is
12 a Geneva-based organization founded in 1947 to promote standardization
13 with a view to facilitating trade.

14 The legislature further finds that the growing world-wide
15 acceptance by over sixty nations of the ISO-9000 series of quality
16 systems standards, including adoption by the twelve nations of the
17 European Community, means that more Washington companies will need to
18 look at the adoption of ISO-9000 to remain competitive in global
19 markets. Adoption of ISO-9000, as well as other quality systems, may

1 also help Washington companies improve quality. However, many small
2 businesses know little about the standards or how registration is
3 achieved.

4 It is the intent of the legislature that the department of
5 community, trade, and economic development encourage and assist state
6 businesses to adopt ISO-9000 and other quality systems as part of the
7 state's strategy for global industrial competitiveness.

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 43.31 RCW
9 to read as follows:

10 (1) The department, through its business assistance center, shall
11 assist companies seeking to adopt ISO-9000 quality standards. The
12 department shall:

13 (a) Prepare and disseminate information regarding ISO-9000;

14 (b) Assemble and maintain information on public and private sector
15 individuals, organizations, educational institutions, and advanced
16 technology centers that can provide technical assistance to firms that
17 wish to become ISO-registered;

18 (c) Assemble and maintain information on Washington firms which
19 have received ISO registration;

20 (d) Undertake other activities it deems necessary to execute this
21 section;

22 (e) Survey appropriate sectors to determine the level of interest
23 in receiving ISO-9000 certification and coordinate with the program;

24 (f) Establish a mechanism for businesses to make self-assessments
25 of relative need to become ISO-9000 certified;

26 (g) Assist and support nonprofit organizations, and other
27 organizations, currently providing education, screening, and
28 certification training; and

29 (h) Coordinate the Washington program with other similar state,
30 regional, and federal programs.

31 (2) For the purposes of this section, "ISO-9000" means the series
32 of standards published in 1987, and subsequent revisions, by the
33 international organization for standardization for quality assurance in
34 design, development, production, final inspection and testing, and
35 installation and servicing of products, processes, and services.

36 (3) For the purposes of this section, registration to the American
37 national standards institute/American society for quality control Q90
38 series shall be considered ISO-9000 registration.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The sum of forty-nine thousand five hundred
2 dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for
3 the biennium ending June 30, 1995, from the general fund to the
4 department of community, trade, and economic development for the
5 purposes of this act.

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** This act shall take effect July 1, 1994.

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