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1            AN ACT Relating to The Pacific Northwest Economic Region; and  
2 amending RCW 43.147.010.

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

4            **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.147.010 and 1991 c 251 s 2 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6            The Pacific Northwest Economic Region is hereby enacted into law  
7 and entered into by the state of Washington as a party, and is in full  
8 force and effect in accordance with the terms of this agreement.

9                                      THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST ECONOMIC REGION

10                                      ARTICLE I--Policy and Purpose

11            States and provinces participating in the Pacific Northwest  
12 Economic Region shall seek to develop and establish policies that:  
13 Promote greater regional collaboration among the seven entities;  
14 enhance the overall competitiveness of the region in international and  
15 domestic markets; increase the economic well-being of all citizens in  
16 the region; and improve the quality of life of the citizens of the  
17 Pacific Northwest.

1 States and provinces recognize that there are many public policy  
2 areas in which cooperation and joint efforts would be mutually  
3 beneficial. These areas include, but are not limited to:  
4 International trade; economic development; human resources; the  
5 environment and natural resources; energy; and education. Parties to  
6 this agreement shall work diligently to establish collaborative  
7 activity in these and other appropriate policy areas where such  
8 cooperation is deemed worthwhile and of benefit to the participating  
9 entities. Participating states and provinces also agree that there are  
10 areas in which cooperation may not be feasible.

11 The substantive actions of the Pacific Northwest Economic Region  
12 may take the form of uniform legislation enacted by two or more states  
13 and/or provinces or policy initiatives endorsed as appropriate by  
14 participating entities. It shall not be necessary for all states and  
15 provinces to participate in each initiative.

16 ARTICLE II--Eligible Parties and Effective Date

17 Each of the following states and provinces is eligible to become a  
18 party to this agreement: Alaska, Alberta, British Columbia, Idaho,  
19 Montana, Oregon, and Washington. This agreement establishing the  
20 Pacific Northwest Economic Region shall become effective when it is  
21 executed by one state, one province, and one additional state and/or  
22 province in a form deemed appropriate by each entity. This agreement  
23 shall continue in force and remain binding upon each state and province  
24 until renounced by it. Renunciation of this agreement must be preceded  
25 by sending one year's notice in writing of intention to withdraw from  
26 the agreement to the other parties to the agreement.

27 ARTICLE III--Organizational Structure

28 Each state and province participating in this agreement shall  
29 appoint representatives to the Pacific Northwest Economic Region. The  
30 organizational structure of the Pacific Northwest Economic Region shall  
31 consist of the following: A delegate council consisting of four  
32 legislators and the governor or governor's designee from each  
33 participating state and four representatives and the premier or the  
34 premier's designee from each participating province and an executive  
35 committee consisting of one legislator from each participating state  
36 and/or province who is a member of the delegate council and four of the  
37 seven governors/premiers or their designees who are members of the

1 delegate council. The legislator members of the executive committee  
2 from each state or province shall be chosen by the legislator members  
3 of that state or province. The four governor or premier members of the  
4 executive committee shall be chosen by the governors and premiers from  
5 among the governors and premiers on the delegate council. At least one  
6 of four members representing the governors and premiers on the  
7 executive committee must be the premier of a Canadian province. Policy  
8 committees may be established to carry out further duties and  
9 responsibilities of the Pacific Northwest Economic Region.

10                   ARTICLE IV--Duties and Responsibilities

11           The delegate council shall have the following duties and  
12 responsibilities: Facilitate the involvement of other government  
13 officials in the development and implementation of specific  
14 collaborative initiatives; work with policy-making committees in the  
15 development and implementation of specific initiatives; approve general  
16 organizational policies developed by the executive committee; provide  
17 final approval of the annual budget and staffing structure for the  
18 Pacific Northwest Economic Region developed by the executive committee;  
19 and other duties and responsibilities as may be established in the  
20 rules and regulations of the Pacific Northwest Economic Region. The  
21 executive committee shall perform the following duties and  
22 responsibilities: Elect the president and vice-president of the  
23 Pacific Northwest Economic Region; approve and implement general  
24 organizational policies; develop the annual budget; devise the annual  
25 action plan; act as liaison with other public and private sector  
26 entities; and other duties and responsibilities established in the  
27 rules and regulations of the Pacific Northwest Economic Region. The  
28 rules and regulations of the Pacific Northwest Economic Region shall  
29 establish the procedure for voting.

30                   ARTICLE V--Membership of Policy Committees

31           Policy committees dealing with specific subject matter may be  
32 established by the executive committee.

33           Each participating state and province shall appoint legislators and  
34 governors or premiers to sit on these committees in accordance with its  
35 own rules and regulations concerning such appointments.

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ARTICLE VI--General Provisions

2       This agreement shall not be construed to limit the powers of any  
3 state or province or to amend or repeal or prevent the enactment of any  
4 legislation.

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