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1 AN ACT Relating to economic development; adding new sections to
2 chapter 44.52 RCW; repealing RCW 44.52.010, 44.52.020, 44.52.030,
3 44.52.040, 44.52.050, 44.52.060, and 44.52.070; providing an effective
4 date; and declaring an emergency.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) Economic development programs, which
7 include work force training, industrial modernization, and export
8 assistance, have become increasingly important to state efforts to
9 encourage employment growth, increased state revenues, and general
10 economic well-being. Economic trends are rapidly changing and markets
11 have become increasingly competitive as states and countries seek to
12 improve and safeguard their own economic well-being. The purpose of
13 the executive-legislative committee on economic development policy is
14 to provide responsive and consistent involvement by the executive
15 branch and the legislature in economic development efforts to maintain
16 a healthy state economy and to provide employment opportunities to
17 Washington residents.

18 (2) There is created an executive-legislative committee on economic
19 development policy which shall consist of the governor or the

1 governor's representative, five members appointed by the governor, six
2 senators, and six members of the house of representatives. Members
3 shall be appointed for one-year terms.

4 (3) The governor's appointees to the committee shall include one
5 representative of businesses with five hundred or fewer employees, one
6 representative of businesses with greater than five hundred employees,
7 and one representative of labor, and may include state agency directors
8 or their representatives.

9 (4) The senate members of the committee shall be appointed by the
10 president of the senate and the house members of the committee shall be
11 appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives. Not more
12 than three members from each house shall be from the same political
13 party.

14 (5) The committee shall have three co-chairs: (a) The governor or
15 the governor's representative, (b) a senator appointed from the
16 majority caucus by the president of the senate, and (c) a house member
17 appointed from the majority party by the speaker of the house of
18 representatives.

19 (6) A list of appointees shall be submitted by June 1, 1994, and
20 thereafter before the close of each regular legislative session or any
21 successive special session for confirmation of senate members by the
22 senate, and confirmation of house members by the house of
23 representatives. Vacancies shall be filled by the appointing
24 authority.

25 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The committee shall by majority vote
26 establish subcommittees, and prescribe rules of procedure which are
27 consistent with this chapter for itself and its subcommittees. The
28 committee shall be convened within ninety days of the end of each
29 regular legislative session to establish its work plan and meeting
30 dates for the year. The committee may invite nonmembers of the
31 committee to serve as subcommittee members, but such subcommittee
32 members shall not receive the reimbursement provided for by section 5
33 of this act.

34 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** (1) The committee or its subcommittees are
35 authorized to:

36 (a) Study and review economic development issues, including work
37 force training, industrial modernization, export assistance, tourism,

1 investment, and entrepreneurial development; and to assist the governor
2 and the legislature in developing comprehensive and consistent economic
3 development policies.

4 (b) Develop, in conjunction with the department of community,
5 trade, and economic development and other state agencies, a strategic
6 plan with implementation steps and evaluation criteria for state-
7 supported economic development activities in the state.

8 (c) Monitor the economic development efforts which address issues
9 specified in this section of the department of community, trade, and
10 economic development, and other state agencies.

11 (2) The committee's work may include but is not limited to:

12 (a) Evaluating existing state policies, laws, and programs which
13 promote or affect economic development and determine their cost-
14 effectiveness, level of cooperation with other public and private
15 agencies, and consistency with sustainable development precepts;

16 (b) Monitoring economic trends, and developing for review by the
17 governor and the legislature such appropriate state responses as may be
18 deemed effective and appropriate;

19 (c) Monitoring economic development policies and programs of other
20 states and nations and evaluating their effectiveness;

21 (d) Determining the economic impact of various business or
22 industrial sectors upon the state's economy;

23 (e) Assessing the need for and effect of federal, regional, and
24 state cooperation in economic development policies and programs; and

25 (f) Developing and evaluating legislative proposals and
26 administrative initiatives and plans concerning the issues specified in
27 this section.

28 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** The committee shall receive the necessary
29 staff support from the staff resources of the governor, the senate, and
30 the house of representatives.

31 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** The members of the committee shall serve
32 without additional compensation, but shall be reimbursed for their
33 travel expenses, in accordance with RCW 44.04.120 for members of the
34 legislature or by the office of the governor under RCW 43.03.050 and
35 43.03.060 for the governor's appointees, incurred while attending
36 sessions of the committee or meetings of any subcommittee of the
37 committee, while engaged on other committee business authorized by the

1 committee, and while going to and coming from committee sessions or
2 committee meetings.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** The committee shall cooperate, act, and work
4 with legislative committees, executive agencies, representatives of the
5 private sector and the nonprofit sector with an interest in economic
6 development, and with the councils or committees of other states
7 similar to this committee and with other interstate research or policy
8 organizations.

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** The following acts or parts of acts are each
10 repealed:

- 11 (1) RCW 44.52.010 and 1985 c 467 s 17;
- 12 (2) RCW 44.52.020 and 1985 c 467 s 18;
- 13 (3) RCW 44.52.030 and 1985 c 467 s 19;
- 14 (4) RCW 44.52.040 and 1985 c 467 s 20;
- 15 (5) RCW 44.52.050 and 1985 c 467 s 21;
- 16 (6) RCW 44.52.060 and 1985 c 467 s 22; and
- 17 (7) RCW 44.52.070 and 1985 c 467 s 23.

18 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 8.** Sections 1 through 6 of this act are each
19 added to chapter 44.52 RCW.

20 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 9.** If any provision of this act or its
21 application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the
22 remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other
23 persons or circumstances is not affected.

24 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 10.** This act is necessary for the immediate
25 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
26 state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take
27 effect April 1, 1994.

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