

2 **SHB 1123** - S COMM AMD

3 By Committee on Labor, Commerce & Trade

4 ADOPTED AS AMENDED 4/12/95

5 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the  
6 following:

7 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The legislature finds that:

8 (a) The expansion of international trade is vital to the overall  
9 growth of Washington's economy;

10 (b) On a per capita basis, Washington state is the most  
11 international trade dependent state in the nation;

12 (c) The north american free trade agreement (NAFTA) and the general  
13 agreement on tariffs and trade (GATT) highlight the increased  
14 importance of international trade opportunities to the United States  
15 and the state of Washington;

16 (d) The passage of NAFTA and GATT will have a major impact on the  
17 state's agriculture, aerospace, computer software, and textiles and  
18 apparel sectors;

19 (e) There is a need to strengthen and coordinate the state's  
20 activities in promoting and developing its agricultural, manufacturing,  
21 and service industries overseas, especially for small and medium-sized  
22 businesses, and minority and women-owned business enterprises; and

23 (f) The importance of having a coherent vision for advancing  
24 Washington state's interest in the global economy has rarely been so  
25 consequential as it is now.

26 (2) The legislature declares that the purpose of the office of the  
27 Washington state trade representative is to strengthen and expand the  
28 state's activities in marketing its goods and services overseas.

29 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The office of the Washington state trade  
30 representative is created under the office of the governor. The office  
31 shall serve as the state's official liaison with foreign governments on  
32 trade matters.

33 The office of the Washington state trade representative may accept  
34 or request grants or gifts from citizens and other private sources to  
35 be used to defray the costs of appropriate hosting of foreign

1 dignitaries, including appropriate gift-giving and reciprocal gift-  
2 giving, or other activities of the office. The office shall open and  
3 maintain a bank account into which it shall deposit all money received  
4 under this section. Such money and the interest accruing thereon shall  
5 not constitute public funds, shall be kept segregated and apart from  
6 funds of the state, and shall not be subject to appropriation or  
7 allotment by the state or subject to chapter 43.88 RCW.

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** (1) The executive and administrative head of  
9 the office of the Washington state trade representative shall be the  
10 governor's special trade representative. The governor's special trade  
11 representative shall be appointed by the governor with consent of the  
12 senate, and shall serve at the pleasure of the governor. The  
13 governor's special trade representative shall be paid a salary to be  
14 fixed by the governor in accordance with RCW 43.03.040.

15 (2) The governor's special trade representative shall supervise and  
16 administer the activities of the office of the Washington state trade  
17 representative and shall advise the governor and legislature with  
18 respect to trade matters affecting the state.

19 (3) The governor's special trade representative may establish a  
20 trade advisory council to:

21 (a) Advise the governor and legislature on mechanisms for enhancing  
22 the state export promotion and assistance efforts;

23 (b) Evaluate proposals for enhancement, coordination, and structure  
24 of the state's activities in international trade, including but not  
25 limited to proposals on new or expanded overseas trade offices, sister-  
26 state relations, and new trade priorities for the state, and make  
27 recommendations to the legislature and the governor on the merits of  
28 such proposals; and

29 (c) Provide the special trade representative with such advice and  
30 assistance as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of the office  
31 of the Washington state trade representative.

32 (4) The governor's special trade representative may hire such  
33 personnel as may be necessary for the general administration of the  
34 office. To the extent permitted by law, state agencies may temporarily  
35 assign staff to the office of the Washington state trade representative  
36 to assist in carrying out the office's duties and responsibilities  
37 under this chapter.

38 (5) The governor's special trade representative is authorized to:

1 (a) Consult with the department of agriculture and the various  
2 agricultural commissions, created in Title 15 RCW, on the promotion of  
3 Washington agricultural commodities overseas; and

4 (b) Consult with the department of community, trade, and economic  
5 development on the promotion of Washington goods and services overseas.

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** Sections 2 and 3 of this act shall  
7 constitute a new chapter in Title 43 RCW."

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11 On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "trade;" strike the remainder  
12 of the title and insert "adding a new chapter to Title 43 RCW; and  
13 creating a new section."

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