

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1123**

Chapter 350, Laws of 1995

(partial veto)

54th Legislature  
1995 Regular Session

OFFICE OF WASHINGTON STATE TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

EFFECTIVE DATE: 7/23/95

Passed by the House April 19, 1995  
Yeas 90 Nays 0

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CLYDE BALLARD

**Speaker of the  
House of Representatives**

Passed by the Senate April 12, 1995  
Yeas 43 Nays 5

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JOEL PRITCHARD

**President of the Senate**

Approved May 16, 1995, with the  
exception of section 3, which is  
vetoed.

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MIKE LOWRY

**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Timothy A. Martin, Chief Clerk of  
the House of Representatives of the  
State of Washington, do hereby certify  
that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE HOUSE  
BILL 1123** as passed by the House of  
Representatives and the Senate on the  
dates hereon set forth.

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TIMOTHY A. MARTIN

**Chief Clerk**

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May 16, 1995 - 11:00 a.m.

**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**

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AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

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**By** House Committee on Trade & Economic Development (originally sponsored by Representatives Sheldon, Van Luven, Horn, Campbell, Foreman, Mason, Hatfield, Ballasiotes, Kremen, Conway, K. Schmidt, D. Schmidt, Grant, Sheahan, Chopp, Schoesler, Morris, Koster, Thibaudeau, Talcott, Valle, Wolfe, L. Thomas, Casada, Boldt, Sherstad, Huff and Mitchell)

Read first time 02/02/95.

1            AN ACT Relating to international trade; adding a new chapter to  
2 Title 43 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The office of the Washington state trade  
8 representative is created under the office of the governor. The office  
9 shall serve as the state's official liaison with foreign governments on  
10 trade matters.

11 The office of the Washington state trade representative may accept  
12 or request grants or gifts from citizens and other private sources to  
13 be used to defray the costs of appropriate hosting of foreign  
14 dignitaries, including appropriate gift-giving and reciprocal gift-  
15 giving, or other activities of the office. The office shall open and  
16 maintain a bank account into which it shall deposit all money received  
17 under this section. Such money and the interest accruing thereon shall  
18 not constitute public funds, shall be kept segregated and apart from  
19 funds of the state, and shall not be subject to appropriation or  
20 allotment by the state or subject to chapter 43.88 RCW.

21 \*NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** *(1) The executive and administrative head*  
22 *of the office of the Washington state trade representative shall be the*  
23 *governor's special trade representative. The governor's special trade*  
24 *representative shall be appointed by the governor with consent of the*  
25 *senate, and shall serve at the pleasure of the governor. The*  
26 *governor's special trade representative shall be paid a salary to be*  
27 *fixed by the governor in accordance with RCW 43.03.040.*

28 *(2) The governor's special trade representative shall supervise and*  
29 *administer the activities of the office of the Washington state trade*  
30 *representative and shall advise the governor and legislature with*  
31 *respect to trade matters affecting the state.*

32 *(3) The governor's special trade representative may establish a*  
33 *trade advisory council to:*

34 *(a) Advise the governor and legislature on mechanisms for enhancing*  
35 *the state export promotion and assistance efforts;*

36 *(b) Evaluate proposals for enhancement, coordination, and structure*  
37 *of the state's activities in international trade, including but not*

1 *limited to proposals on new or expanded overseas trade offices, sister-*  
2 *state relations, and new trade priorities for the state, and make*  
3 *recommendations to the legislature and the governor on the merits of*  
4 *such proposals; and*

5 *(c) Provide the special trade representative with such advice and*  
6 *assistance as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of the office*  
7 *of the Washington state trade representative.*

8 *(4) The governor's special trade representative may hire such*  
9 *personnel as may be necessary for the general administration of the*  
10 *office. To the extent permitted by law, state agencies may temporarily*  
11 *assign staff to the office of the Washington state trade representative*  
12 *to assist in carrying out the office's duties and responsibilities*  
13 *under this chapter.*

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

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

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

20 \*Sec. 3 was vetoed. See message at end of chapter.

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

Passed the House April 19, 1995.

Passed the Senate April 12, 1995.

Approved by the Governor May 16, 1995, with the exception of  
certain items which were vetoed.

Filed in Office of Secretary of State May 16, 1995.

1 Note: Governor's explanation of partial veto is as follows:

2 "I am returning herewith, without my approval as to section 3,  
3 Substitute House Bill No. 1123 entitled:

4 "AN ACT Relating to international trade;"

5 I strongly support the efforts reflected in Substitute House Bill  
6 No. 1123 to enhance the position of Washington State in international  
7 trade. Our economy depends more on international trade than does any  
8 other state in the Union. Our economic future will be made in  
9 international markets, the source of many of the high wage jobs we now  
10 enjoy and will see more of in our future.

11 Last year, I established the position of state trade representative  
12 as a way of increasing the visibility of international trade in the  
13 state and the visibility of the state in international markets. I have  
14 been impressed with efforts so far and continue to believe that the  
15 position of state trade representative is a valuable and important  
16 component to increasing the visibility and focus of the state's trade

1 efforts. As a result, I am pleased to establish the Office of State  
2 Trade Representative in statute.

3 However, section 3 of Substitute House Bill No. 1123 raises  
4 concerns. The section can be interpreted to establish a new agency for  
5 international trade. The state trade representative should not operate  
6 as a separate agency but should serve as an arm of the Governor's  
7 office, working collaboratively with the Department of Community, Trade  
8 and Economic Development and the Department of Agriculture to develop  
9 and implement a broad and unified trade strategy in concert with the  
10 trade community of our state.

11 The state trade representative must be the lead advocate on  
12 international trade issues that affect the enterprises and citizens of  
13 the state. Advocating the state's interests in federal, foreign,  
14 bilateral and multilateral forums, the state trade representative must  
15 work to focus state efforts on international trade, investment and  
16 tourism. The state trade representative must work closely with the  
17 wide community of interests in the state concerned with trade ensuring  
18 that their concerns are heard and that their broad expertise is  
19 utilized to benefit the state.

20 I am committed to ensuring that the state trade representative  
21 carries out this vision. In the near future, after consultation with  
22 legislators, affected state agencies, and the trade community, I will  
23 sign an executive order articulating the role of the state trade  
24 representative in greater detail.

25 For these reasons, I have vetoed section 3 of Substitute House Bill  
26 No. 1123.

27 With the exception of section 3, Substitute House Bill No. 1123 is  
28 approved."