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1 AN ACT Relating to dissolving the rural development council;
2 amending RCW 42.52.080; adding new sections to chapter 43.31 RCW;
3 repealing RCW 43.31.855 and 43.31.857; and repealing 1997 c 377 s 3
4 (uncodified).

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 43.31 RCW
7 to read as follows:

8 (1) The rural development council executive committee and the
9 department are authorized to establish a successor organization to the
10 rural development council executive committee created under RCW
11 43.31.855. The purpose of the successor organization is, at least in
12 part, to improve the delivery and accessibility of public and private
13 resources for meeting the needs of rural communities in Washington.

14 (2) For purposes of this section, "successor organization" means a
15 private nonprofit corporation created specifically to assume
16 responsibility for administering funds provided by the federal
17 government and other sources to carry out the purpose state in
18 subsection (1) of this section. A successor organization must qualify

1 as a tax-exempt nonprofit corporation under section 501(C) of the
2 federal internal revenue code.

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

5 The executive committee and the department are authorized to take
6 all steps reasonably necessary and proper to effect the orderly
7 transition of the rural development council executive committee to the
8 successor organization. This authorization includes, but is not
9 necessarily limited to, the authority to:

10 (1) Transfer any equipment, records, other assets, or contracts for
11 services to the successor organization under appropriate terms and
12 conditions, including reasonable compensation for assets acquired with
13 state funds;

14 (2) Assist in the establishment of a successor organization,
15 including entering into contracts preparatory to the establishment of
16 the organization; and

17 (3) Unless otherwise provided by agreement, assign to the successor
18 organization any membership agreements, contracts, license, and other
19 duties and obligations related to the rural development council.

20 **Sec. 3.** RCW 42.52.080 and 1994 c 154 s 108 are each amended to
21 read as follows:

22 (1) No former state officer or state employee may, within a period
23 of one year from the date of termination of state employment, accept
24 employment or receive compensation from an employer if:

25 (a) The officer or employee, during the two years immediately
26 preceding termination of state employment, was engaged in the
27 negotiation or administration on behalf of the state or agency of one
28 or more contracts with that employer and was in a position to make
29 discretionary decisions affecting the outcome of such negotiation or
30 the nature of such administration;

31 (b) Such a contract or contracts have a total value of more than
32 ten thousand dollars; and

33 (c) The duties of the employment with the employer or the
34 activities for which the compensation would be received include
35 fulfilling or implementing, in whole or in part, the provisions of such
36 a contract or contracts or include the supervision or control of
37 actions taken to fulfill or implement, in whole or in part, the

1 provisions of such a contract or contracts. This subsection shall not
2 be construed to prohibit a state officer or state employee from
3 accepting employment with a state employee organization.

4 (2) No person who has served as a state officer or state employee
5 may, within a period of two years following the termination of state
6 employment, have a direct or indirect beneficial interest in a contract
7 or grant that was expressly authorized or funded by specific
8 legislative or executive action in which the former state officer or
9 state employee participated.

10 (3) No former state officer or state employee may accept an offer
11 of employment or receive compensation from an employer if the officer
12 or employee knows or has reason to believe that the offer of employment
13 or compensation was intended, in whole or in part, directly or
14 indirectly, to influence the officer or employee or as compensation or
15 reward for the performance or nonperformance of a duty by the officer
16 or employee during the course of state employment.

17 (4) No former state officer or state employee may accept an offer
18 of employment or receive compensation from an employer if the
19 circumstances would lead a reasonable person to believe the offer has
20 been made, or compensation given, for the purpose of influencing the
21 performance or nonperformance of duties by the officer or employee
22 during the course of state employment.

23 (5) No former state officer or state employee may at any time
24 subsequent to his or her state employment assist another person,
25 whether or not for compensation, in any transaction involving the state
26 in which the former state officer or state employee at any time
27 participated during state employment. This subsection shall not be
28 construed to prohibit any employee or officer of a state employee
29 organization from rendering assistance to state officers or state
30 employees in the course of employee organization business.

31 (6) As used in this section, "employer" means a person as defined
32 in RCW 42.52.010 or any other entity or business that the person owns
33 or in which the person has a controlling interest. For purposes of
34 subsection (1) of this section, the term "employer" does not include a
35 successor organization to the rural development council under chapter
36 43.31 RCW.

37 NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. A new section is added to chapter 43.31 RCW
38 to read as follows:

1 Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in chapter 41.06 RCW or
2 any other provision of law, the department may contract to provide
3 funding to a successor organization under section 1 of this act to
4 carry out activities of the organization that are consistent with the
5 department's powers and duties. All moneys for contracts entered into
6 under this section are subject to appropriation.

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** The following acts or parts of acts, as now
8 existing or hereafter amended, are each repealed, effective June 30,
9 2000:

- 10 (1) RCW 43.31.855 and 1997 c 377 s 1;
- 11 (2) RCW 43.31.857 and 1997 c 377 s 2; and
- 12 (3) 1997 c 377 s 3 (uncodified).

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** The following acts or parts of acts, as now
14 existing or hereafter amended, are each repealed, effective June 30,
15 2002:

- 16 (1) RCW 43.31.--- and 1998 c ... s 1 (section 1 of this act); and
- 17 (2) RCW 43.31.--- and 1998 c ... s 2 (section 2 of this act).

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