

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL 2648**

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QUALITY AWARD COUNCIL

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CLYDE BALLARD  
**Speaker of the House of Representatives**

FRANK CHOPP  
**Speaker of the House of Representatives**

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Yeas 41 Nays 1

BRAD OWEN  
**President of the Senate**

Approved March 30, 2000

GARY LOCKE  
**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

We, Timothy A. Martin and Cynthia Zehnder, Co-Chief Clerks of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL 2648** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

CYNTHIA ZEHNDER  
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**Chief Clerk**

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By Representatives Miloscia, Romero and D. Schmidt; by request of  
Secretary of State

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1            AN ACT Relating to quality awards; amending RCW 43.07.290; adding  
2 a new section to chapter 43.06 RCW; recodifying RCW 43.07.290; and  
3 repealing RCW 43.07.295.

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

5            **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.07.290 and 1998 c 245 s 86 are each amended to read  
6 as follows:

7            (1) The Washington quality award council shall be organized as a  
8 private, nonprofit corporation, in accordance with chapter 24.03 RCW  
9 and this section(~~(, with limited staff assistance by the secretary of~~  
10 ~~state as provided by RCW 43.07.295))~~).

11            (2) The council shall oversee the governor's Washington state  
12 quality ((~~achievement~~)) award program. The purpose of the program is  
13 to improve the overall competitiveness of the state's economy by  
14 stimulating Washington state industries, business, and organizations to  
15 bring about measurable success through setting standards of  
16 organizational excellence, encouraging organizational self-assessment,  
17 identifying successful organizations as role models, and providing a  
18 valuable mechanism for promoting and strengthening a commitment to  
19 continuous quality improvement in all sectors of the state's economy.

1 The ~~((program))~~ governor shall annually ~~((recognize))~~ present the award  
2 to organizations that improve the quality of their products and  
3 services and are noteworthy examples of high-performing work  
4 organizations, as determined by the council in consultation with the  
5 governor or appointed representative.

6 ~~((3) The ((council shall consist of the governor and the secretary~~  
7 ~~of state, or their designees, as chair and vice chair, respectively,~~  
8 ~~the director of the department of community, trade, and economic~~  
9 ~~development, or his or her designee, and twenty seven members appointed~~  
10 ~~by the)) governor shall appoint a representative to serve on the board~~  
11 ~~of directors of the council. ((Those twenty seven council members must~~  
12 ~~be selected from recognized professionals who shall have backgrounds in~~  
13 ~~or experience with effective quality improvement techniques, employee~~  
14 ~~involvement quality of work life initiatives, development of innovative~~  
15 ~~labor management relations, and other recognized leaders in state and~~  
16 ~~local government and private business. The membership of the board~~  
17 ~~beyond the chair and vice chair shall be appointed by the governor for~~  
18 ~~terms of three years.))~~

19 ~~((4) The council shall establish a board of examiners, a recognition~~  
20 ~~committee, and such other ((subcouncil groups))~~ committees or subgroups  
21 as it deems appropriate to carry out its responsibilities.  
22 ~~((Subcouncil groups established by the council may be composed of~~  
23 ~~noncouncilmembers.))~~

24 ~~((5) ((The council shall compile a list of resources available for~~  
25 ~~organizations interested in productivity improvement, quality~~  
26 ~~techniques, effective methods of work organization, and upgrading work~~  
27 ~~force skills as a part of the quality for Washington state foundation's~~  
28 ~~ongoing educational programs. The council shall make the list of~~  
29 ~~resources available to the general public.~~

30 ~~(6))~~ The council may conduct such public information, research,  
31 education, and assistance programs as it deems appropriate to further  
32 quality improvement in organizations operating in the state of  
33 Washington.

34 ~~((7))~~ (6) The council shall:

- 35 (a) Approve and announce ~~((achievement))~~ award recipients;
- 36 (b) Approve guidelines to examine applicant organizations;
- 37 (c) Approve appointment of ~~((judges and))~~ board of examiners; and

1 (d) Arrange appropriate annual awards and recognition for  
2 recipients(~~(, in conjunction with the quality for Washington state~~  
3 ~~foundation;~~

4 ~~(e) Formulate recommendations for change in the nomination form or~~  
5 ~~award categories, in cooperation with the quality for Washington state~~  
6 ~~foundation; and~~

7 ~~(f) Review any related education, training, technology transfer,~~  
8 ~~and research initiatives proposed to it, and that it determines merit~~  
9 ~~such a review.~~

10 ~~(8) By January 1st of each even numbered year, the council may~~  
11 ~~report to the governor and the appropriate committees of the~~  
12 ~~legislature on its activities in the proceeding two years and on any~~  
13 ~~recommendations in state policies or programs that could encourage~~  
14 ~~quality improvement and the development of high performance work~~  
15 ~~organizations)).~~

16 ~~((+9)) (7) The council shall cease to exist on July 1, ((1999))~~  
17 ~~2004, unless otherwise extended by law.~~

18 NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. RCW 43.07.295 (Washington quality award  
19 council--Administrative assistance) and 1997 c 329 s 2 are each  
20 repealed.

21 NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. RCW 43.07.290, as amended by this act, is  
22 recodified as a section in chapter 43.06 RCW.

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