

# SENATE BILL REPORT

## HB 1179

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As Reported By Senate Committee On:  
Economic Development, March 28, 2003

**Title:** An act relating to modifying the name of the legislative committee on economic development.

**Brief Description:** Renaming the legislative committee on economic development the legislative committee on economic development and international relations.

**Sponsors:** Representatives Veloria, Roach, Bush, Kenney, Kessler, Grant and Chase; by request of Lieutenant Governor.

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:** Economic Development: 3/21/03, 3/28/03 [DP].

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### SENATE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

**Majority Report:** Do pass.

Signed by Senators T. Sheldon, Chair; Zarelli, Vice Chair; Hale, Kohl-Welles, Schmidt and Shin.

**Staff:** Jack Brummel (786-7428)

**Background:** The Legislative Committee on Economic Development was created in 1985. Its purpose is to "provide responsive and consistent involvement by the legislature in economic development to maintain a healthy state economy and to provide employment opportunities to Washington residents." The authorizing legislation for the committee states that: "Economic development and in particular international trade, tourism, and investment have become increasingly important to Washington..." The name of the committee does not reflect this focus on international relations.

**Summary of Bill:** The name of the Legislative Committee on Economic Development is changed to the Legislative Committee on Economic Development and International Relations.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Not requested.

**Effective Date:** Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

**Testimony For:** The bill changes the name of the Legislative Committee on Economic Development. The Lieutenant Governor has taken the committee a step further to enhance international relations.

**Testimony Against:** None.

**Testified:** Representative Velma Veloria, prime sponsor.