
ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2892

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By House Committee on Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives Upthegrove, Schual-Berke, G. Simpson, Cairnes, Wallace, Veloria, Wood, Kenney, Morrell and Conway)

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1 AN ACT Relating to the creation of a center for advanced
2 manufacturing; adding a new section to chapter 43.31 RCW; and creating
3 new sections.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** Although manufacturing has long been subject
6 to the ups and downs of regular market cycles, the increasing pace of
7 globalization and the ability of the world's new manufacturing floor to
8 export deflation has caused United States manufacturers to lose all
9 pricing power. Despite the development of good cost control practices
10 such as lean manufacturing, domestic manufacturers cannot compete on
11 price alone.

12 As our economy continues to evolve through changes to our existing
13 manufacturing base, our manufacturers need assistance to continue to
14 provide high quality products at a low cost. In order to make a
15 radical change to an innovation focus, there must be a public and
16 private partnership.

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

1 (1) Provided the conditions in subsections (2) and (3) of this
2 section are met, a center for advanced manufacturing may be created to
3 provide the necessary resources for the state's manufacturing industry.

4 (2) A feasibility study and economic analysis for the creation of
5 a center for advanced manufacturing must be conducted by a qualified
6 organization chosen by the department of community, trade, and economic
7 development and should include, but is not limited to, a center for
8 advanced manufacturing that offers:

9 (a) A research institution to transfer technology for commercial
10 applications in small and mid-market manufacturers;

11 (b) A clearinghouse and national research library that locates best
12 practices information, disseminates national research, and provides a
13 publicly accessible research library; and

14 (c) Ongoing training, and curriculum and courses to develop a
15 skilled work force, with a focus on quality efficiency practices.

16 (3) The feasibility study and economic analysis must be delivered
17 to the appropriate committees of the legislature by December 31, 2005.

18 (4) For the purposes of this section, a qualified organization must
19 be:

20 (a)(i) Designated as a nonprofit organization under section
21 501(c)(3) of the internal revenue code, or (ii) a partnership between
22 a designated nonprofit organization under section 501(c)(3) of the
23 internal revenue code and a government or quasi-government agency;

24 (b) Focused on developing or supporting small, medium, and large
25 manufacturing businesses;

26 (c) Structured around a sound business plan;

27 (d) Able to demonstrate that it has the resources to complete the
28 feasibility study and economic analysis in a timely manner and the
29 state is not the sole source of funding for the feasibility study and
30 economic analysis; and

31 (e) Compliant with the standards developed by the department of
32 community, trade, and economic development and included in the
33 application.

34 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** If specific funding for the purposes of this
35 act, referencing this act by bill or chapter number, is not provided by

1 June 30, 2004, in the omnibus appropriations act, this act is null and
2 void.

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