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

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) A center for advanced manufacturing is created to provide
2 ongoing training, curriculum, and courses to develop a skilled work
3 force, with a focus on quality efficiency practices.

4 (2) The center for advanced manufacturing shall be administered by
5 the department of community, trade, and economic development.

6 (3)(a) The center for advanced manufacturing shall provide training
7 and innovation for the manufacturing industry in Washington. The
8 center for advanced manufacturing could offer:

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

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

14 (iii) On-going training, and curriculum and courses to develop a
15 skilled work force, with a focus on quality efficiency practices.

16 (b) The center for advanced manufacturing shall coordinate with the
17 Washington technology center and related programs at Washington's
18 institutions of higher education.

19 (4) The department may create an advisory board composed of up to
20 twelve members that may include representatives of the community and
21 technical colleges, local governments, federal government, labor, and
22 business.

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

25 The center for advanced manufacturing may receive gifts, grants, or
26 endowments from public or private sources that are made from time to
27 time, in trust or otherwise, for the use and benefit of the purposes of
28 the center and spend gifts, grants, or endowments or income from the
29 public or private sources according to their terms, unless the receipt
30 of gifts, grants, or endowments violates RCW 42.17.710.

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