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1 AN ACT Relating to establishing the Washington state economic
2 development commission to replace the governor's small business
3 improvement council; adding a new section to chapter 43.175 RCW; and
4 repealing RCW 43.175.010, 43.175.020, and 43.175.901.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 43.175 RCW
7 to read as follows:

8 (1) The Washington state economic development commission is
9 established to oversee and direct the economic development strategies
10 and policies of the department of community, trade, and economic
11 development.

12 (2) The Washington state economic development commission shall
13 consist of nine members appointed by the governor, with the advice and
14 consent of the senate. In making appointments, the governor shall
15 consult with organizations that have an interest in economic
16 development, including, but not limited to, economic development
17 councils, chambers of commerce, port associations, industry
18 associations, labor organizations, minority business associations, and
19 the chairs of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over

1 economic development. No member may serve more than one year without
2 senate confirmation. The governor shall select the chair. The members
3 serve at the pleasure of the governor for six-year terms. Of the
4 initial members, three must be appointed for two-year terms, three must
5 be appointed for four-year terms, and the remainder must be appointed
6 for six-year terms. Thereafter, members must be appointed for six-year
7 terms. The members shall represent eastern Washington, central
8 Washington, southwest Washington, the peninsula, central Puget Sound,
9 and northern Puget Sound and reflect the state's various business
10 sectors. Members of the commission shall serve statewide interests
11 while preserving their diverse perspectives, and shall be recognized
12 leaders in their fields with demonstrated experience in disciplines
13 related to economic development. At least seven members must be
14 selected from private businesses within Washington state.

15 (3) The Washington state economic development commission shall
16 perform the following duties:

17 (a) Review and periodically update the state's economic development
18 strategy and performance measures, and perform an annual evaluation of
19 the strategy;

20 (b) Provide policy direction to the department of community, trade,
21 and economic development;

22 (c) Assist the department of community, trade, and economic
23 development with the procurement and deployment of private funds for
24 business development, recruitment, and promotion; and

25 (d) Provide planning and strategic and programmatic direction to
26 the department of community, trade, and economic development, with
27 specific emphasis on the following:

28 (i) Development of strategies that promote business retention,
29 expansion, and creation within the state;

30 (ii) Development of marketing strategies for the global marketplace
31 that promote products and services of the state; and

32 (iii) Development of strategies to enhance relationships and
33 cooperation between local governments, economic development councils,
34 state agencies, and the legislature.

35 (4) Members of the Washington state economic development commission
36 shall be reimbursed for travel expenses as provided in RCW 43.03.050
37 and 43.03.060 and are considered a class three group for purposes of
38 compensation under RCW 43.03.240.

1 (5) Staffing for the Washington state economic development
2 commission shall be provided by the department of community, trade, and
3 economic development or other state agencies as appropriate, and within
4 existing resources and operations.

5 (6) Creation of the Washington state economic development
6 commission shall not be construed to modify any authority or budgetary
7 responsibility of the governor or the department of community, trade,
8 and economic development.

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The following acts or parts of acts are each
10 repealed:

11 (1) RCW 43.175.010 (Governor's small business improvement council--
12 Established--Membership--Travel expenses--Staff support and
13 administrative assistance) and 1987 c 348 s 6, 1985 c 466 s 62, & 1984
14 c 282 s 7;

15 (2) RCW 43.175.020 (Duties) and 1998 c 245 s 53, 1987 c 348 s 7,
16 1985 c 466 s 63, & 1984 c 282 s 8; and

17 (3) RCW 43.175.901 (Severability--1984 c 282) and 1984 c 282 s 17.

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