

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1173**

Chapter 346, Laws of 2003

(partial veto)

58th Legislature  
2003 Regular Session

TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

EFFECTIVE DATE: 7/27/03

Passed by the House March 12, 2003  
Yeas 95 Nays 0

FRANK CHOPP

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**Speaker of the House of Representatives**

Passed by the Senate April 25, 2003  
Yeas 47 Nays 0

BRAD OWEN

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**President of the Senate**

Approved May 16, 2003, with the  
exception of section 2(3), which is  
vetoed.

GARY LOCKE

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**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Cynthia Zehnder, Chief Clerk of  
the House of Representatives of  
the State of Washington, do hereby  
certify that the attached is  
certify that the attached is  
**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1173** 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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**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**

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**By** House Committee on Trade & Economic Development (originally sponsored by Representatives Veloria, Conway and Chase)

READ FIRST TIME 02/12/03.

1            AN ACT Relating to the office of the Washington state trade  
2 representative; amending RCW 43.332.005 and 43.332.010; and adding a  
3 new section to chapter 43.332 RCW.

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

5            **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.332.005 and 1995 c 350 s 1 are each amended to read  
6 as follows:

7            (1) The legislature finds that:

8            (a) The expansion of international trade is vital to the overall  
9 growth of Washington's economy;

10           (b) On a per capita basis, Washington state is the most  
11 international trade dependent state in the nation;

12           (c) The North American free trade agreement (NAFTA) and the general  
13 agreement on tariffs and trade (GATT) highlight the increased  
14 importance of international trade opportunities to the United States  
15 and the state of Washington;

16           (d) The passage of NAFTA and GATT will have a major impact on the  
17 state's agriculture, aerospace, computer software, and textiles and  
18 apparel sectors;

1 (e) There is a need to strengthen and coordinate the state's  
2 activities in promoting and developing its agricultural, manufacturing,  
3 and service industries overseas, especially for small and medium-sized  
4 businesses, and minority and women-owned business enterprises; and

5 (f) The importance of having a coherent vision for advancing  
6 Washington state's interest in the global economy has rarely been so  
7 consequential as it is now.

8 (2) The legislature declares that the purpose of the office of the  
9 Washington state trade representative is to:

10 (a) Strengthen and expand the state's activities in marketing its  
11 goods and services overseas;

12 (b) Review and analyze proposed international trade agreements to  
13 assess their impact on goods and services produced by Washington  
14 businesses; and

15 (c) Inform the legislature about ongoing trade negotiations, trade  
16 development, and the possible impacts on Washington's economy.

17 \***Sec. 2.** RCW 43.332.010 and 1995 c 350 s 2 are each amended to read  
18 as follows:

19 (1) The office of the Washington state trade representative is  
20 created (~~under~~) in the office of the governor. The office shall  
21 serve as the state's official liaison with foreign governments on trade  
22 matters.

23 ~~((The office of the Washington state trade representative may~~  
24 ~~accept or request grants or gifts from citizens and other private~~  
25 ~~sources to be used to defray the costs of appropriate hosting of~~  
26 ~~foreign dignitaries, including appropriate gift giving and reciprocal~~  
27 ~~gift giving, or other activities of the office. The office shall open~~  
28 ~~and maintain a bank account into which it shall deposit all money~~  
29 ~~received under this section. Such money and the interest accruing~~  
30 ~~thereon shall not constitute public funds, shall be kept segregated and~~  
31 ~~apart from funds of the state, and shall not be subject to~~  
32 ~~appropriation or allotment by the state or subject to chapter 43.88~~  
33 ~~RCW.)) (2) The office shall:~~

34 (a) Work with the department of community, trade, and economic  
35 development, the department of agriculture, and other appropriate state  
36 agencies, and within the agencies' existing resources, review and

1 analyze proposed and enacted international trade agreements and provide  
2 an assessment of the impact of the proposed or enacted agreement on  
3 Washington's businesses and firms;

4 (b) Provide input to the office of the United States trade  
5 representative in the development of international trade, commodity,  
6 and direct investment policies that reflect the concerns of the state  
7 of Washington;

8 (c) Serve as liaison to the legislature on matters of trade policy  
9 oversight including, but not limited to, updates to the legislature  
10 regarding the status of trade negotiations, trade litigation, and the  
11 impacts of trade policy on Washington state businesses;

12 (d) Work with the international trade division of the department of  
13 community, trade, and economic development and the international  
14 marketing program of the Washington state department of agriculture to  
15 develop a statewide strategy designed to increase the export of  
16 Washington goods and services, particularly goods and services from  
17 small and medium-sized businesses; and

18 (e) Conduct other activities the governor deems necessary to  
19 promote international trade and foreign investment within the state.

20 **(3) The office shall prepare and submit an annual report on its**  
21 **activities under subsection (2) of this section to the governor and**  
22 **appropriate committees of the legislature.**

*\*Sec. 2 was partially vetoed. See message at end of chapter.*

23 NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. A new section is added to chapter 43.332 RCW  
24 to read as follows:

25 The office of the Washington state trade representative may accept  
26 or request grants or gifts from citizens and other private sources to  
27 be used to defray the costs of appropriate hosting of foreign  
28 dignitaries, including appropriate gift-giving and reciprocal gift-  
29 giving, or other activities of the office. The office shall open and  
30 maintain a bank account into which it shall deposit all money received  
31 under this section. Such money and the interest accruing thereon shall  
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33 funds of the state, and shall not be subject to appropriation or  
34 allotment by the state or subject to chapter 43.88 RCW.

Passed by the House March 12, 2003.

Passed by the Senate April 25, 2003.

Approved by the Governor May 16, 2003, with the exception of  
certain items that were vetoed.

Filed in Office of Secretary of State May 16, 2003.

Note: Governor's explanation of partial veto is as follows:

"I am returning herewith, without my approval as to section 2(3) Substitute House Bill No. 1173 entitled:

"AN ACT Relating to the office of the Washington state trade representative;"

This bill expands and clarifies the duties of the Washington State Trade Representative.

Subsection (3) of section 2 requires the Office of the Washington State Trade Representative to submit an annual report. While I have no objection to the other amendments in this section, the ongoing reporting requirement is unnecessary given the coordination prescribed by the bill.

For these reasons, I have vetoed section 2(3) of Substitute House Bill No. 1173.

With the exception of section 2(3), Substitute House Bill No. 1173 is approved."