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Sponsor(s): Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Swecker, Prentice, Doumit, Berkey, Morton, Rasmussen, Hale, Jacobsen, Hargrove, Regala, Finkbeiner, T. Sheldon, Horn, Esser, Oke and Haugen)

Brief Description: Creating the Washington regulatory improvement center. Revised for 1st Substitute: Creating the Washington regulatory improvement project.

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(AS OF SENATE 2ND READING 2/12/04)

Declares an intent to create a public-private partnership dedicated to improving the state's competitiveness by developing new approaches to environmental permitting.

Declares that the mission of the regulatory improvement project is to improve the state's economic competitiveness and environmental outcomes by assisting state, federal, and local governmental entities to revise and streamline environmental permitting processes.

Creates the Washington regulatory improvement project to be a collaborative effort between private industry, the state's universities, and government.

Declares that the role of the Washington regulatory improvement project is solely that of research, coordination, and development of recommendations for system improvements. Nothing in this act may be construed to diminish the functions, powers, or duties granted to any permit agency by law. Nothing in this act grants the Washington regulatory improvement project the authority to issue, condition, or deny any permit.

Provides that the act shall be null and void if appropriations are not approved.