

**ESB 5330** - H COMM AMD

By Committee on Economic Development, Agriculture & Trade

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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the  
2 following:

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature declares that it is the  
4 state's policy to encourage the use of federal and private funds for  
5 economic development purposes and to use state resources to leverage  
6 federal and private dollars to supplement state economic development  
7 efforts.

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 43.330 RCW  
9 to read as follows:

10 (1) The department shall make available, within existing resources,  
11 an inventory of grant opportunities for state agencies, local  
12 governments, and other community organizations engaged in economic  
13 development activities.

14 (2) In developing the inventory of economic development grant  
15 opportunities, the department may:

16 (a) Regularly review the federal register for opportunities to  
17 apply for grants, research projects, and demonstration projects;

18 (b) Maintain an inventory of grant opportunities with private  
19 foundations and businesses; and

20 (c) Consult with federal officials, including but not limited to  
21 those in the small business administration, the department of labor,  
22 the department of commerce, the department of agriculture, the  
23 department of ecology, as well as private foundations and businesses,  
24 on the prospects for obtaining federal and private funds for economic  
25 development purposes in Washington state.

26 (3) The department may also facilitate joint efforts between  
27 agencies and between local organizations and state agencies that will  
28 increase the likelihood of success in grant seeking and the attraction  
29 of major events."

1 Correct the title.

EFFECT: Changes the primary focus of the program from grant writing to creating an inventory of grant opportunities for state agencies, local governments, and other community organizations engaged in economic development activities, subject to available funds. Eliminates most of the specific duties and makes permissive the remaining duties of the program staff, except the creation of the inventory. Eliminates the assistance to local entities in attracting regional, national, and international business, tourism, and sporting events. Eliminates the null and void clause.

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