

SB 5330 - S AMD 68
By Senator Brown

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

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that state-supported
4 economic development efforts, including work force training, technology
5 transfer, tourism development, and industrial modernization, can make
6 a significant difference in the health and diversification of the
7 state's economy. There are numerous federal and private economic
8 development grant programs and research projects designed to increase
9 the competitiveness of American firms and local work forces, for which
10 state agencies and local consortiums are eligible to apply. There are
11 also numerous opportunities to attract major regional, national, and
12 international business, tourism, and sporting events to the state.
13 State and local agencies in Washington have not maximized the
14 opportunities available to receive federal and private funds to augment
15 economic development efforts.

16 The legislature declares that it is the state's policy to maximize
17 the use of federal and private funds for economic development purposes
18 and to devote state resources to leverage federal and private dollars
19 to supplement state economic development efforts. In furtherance of
20 this policy, it is the purpose of section 2 of this act to authorize
21 and fund a technical assistance and grant writing program within the
22 department of community, trade, and economic development.

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

25 The economic development grants program is created in the
26 department to be staffed by at least one grant writer either on
27 contract or on staff. Program staff shall:

28 (1) Regularly review the federal register for opportunities to
29 apply for grants, research projects, and demonstration projects;

1 (2) Stay abreast of grant opportunities with private foundations
2 and businesses;

3 (3) Assist local entities in attracting regional, national, and
4 international business, tourism, and sporting events;

5 (4) Correspond and meet with federal officials, including those in
6 the small business administration, the department of labor, the
7 department of commerce, and the department of health and human
8 services, as well as foundation and business officials, on the
9 prospects for obtaining federal and private funds for economic
10 development purposes in Washington state;

11 (5) Apprise the agency directors and division heads of the
12 department of community, trade, and economic development, the
13 employment security department, the department of agriculture, the
14 Washington technology center, the Washington manufacturing service, and
15 other state agencies as appropriate, of the opportunities for federal
16 and private grant dollars for economic development projects;

17 (6) Assist state agencies in their grant-seeking efforts for
18 economic development projects. Grant writing for and assistance in
19 grant writing for projects sponsored or cosponsored by state agencies
20 shall be the highest priority of the program's work;

21 (7) Write grant requests to further the state's economic
22 development efforts;

23 (8) Facilitate joint efforts between agencies and between local
24 consortiums and state agencies that will increase the likelihood of
25 success in grant seeking and the attraction of major events; and

26 (9) Garner the political support necessary from federal, state, and
27 local elected and appointed officials for success in grant seeking and
28 the attraction of major events.

29 The department shall submit to the appropriate committees of the
30 legislature an annual list of grant applications submitted, grant
31 awards received, and the total amount of grant funds received during
32 the year. The list shall be due by December 1st of each year.

33 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** If specific funding for the purposes of this
34 act, referencing this act by bill or chapter number, is not provided by
35 June 30, 2006, in the omnibus appropriations act, this act is null and
36 void."

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1 On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "grants" strike the remainder
2 of the title and insert "and assistance; adding a new section to
3 chapter 43.330 RCW; and creating new sections."

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