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By Senate Environment, Energy & Technology (originally sponsored by Senators Brown, Hasegawa, Kuderer, Nguyen, Rolfes, Short, Wilson, L., Das, and Wellman)

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1 AN ACT Relating to establishing the Washington blockchain work
2 group; creating a new section; and providing an expiration date.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) Subject to the availability of amounts
5 appropriated for this specific purpose, the Washington blockchain
6 work group is established. The purpose of the work group is to
7 examine various potential applications for blockchain technology
8 including, but not limited to, applications in computing, banking and
9 other financial services, the real estate transaction process, health
10 care, supply chain management, higher education, and public
11 recordkeeping.

12 (2) The work group is composed of the following members:

13 (a) One senator from each of the two largest caucuses of the
14 senate, appointed by the president of the senate;

15 (b) One representative from each of the two largest caucuses of
16 the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the house
17 of representatives;

18 (c) The director of the department of commerce, or the director's
19 designee;

20 (d) The director of the department of financial institutions, or
21 the director's designee;

1 (e) The director of Washington technology solutions, the
2 consolidated technology services agency, or the director's designee;

3 (f) The director of the department of agriculture, or the
4 director's designee;

5 (g) An individual representing a Washington-based technology
6 trade association for the full cross section of the technology
7 sector;

8 (h) An individual representing a trade association for financial
9 services companies that do business in Washington;

10 (i) An individual representing a trade association for title
11 insurance companies that do business in Washington;

12 (j) An individual representing a trade association for health
13 care companies that do business in Washington;

14 (k) An individual representing an association for county
15 government officials in Washington;

16 (l) An individual representing a trade association for
17 Washington-based agriculture;

18 (m) An individual representing a trade association for property
19 and casualty insurance companies that do business in Washington; and

20 (n) An individual representing an association for public utility
21 districts in Washington.

22 (3) The individuals appointed under subsection (2)(g) through (n)
23 of this section must be appointed by the governor, subject to senate
24 confirmation in accordance with RCW 43.06.092.

25 (4) In addition to the members appointed to the work group under
26 subsection (2) of this section, individuals representing other
27 sectors may be invited by the chair, in consultation with the other
28 appointed members of the work group, to participate in an advisory
29 capacity in meetings of the work group. Individuals participating in
30 an advisory capacity under this subsection are not members of the
31 work group, may not vote, and are not subject to the appointment
32 process established in this section. There is no limit to the number
33 of individuals who may participate in work group meetings in an
34 advisory capacity under this subsection.

35 (5) A majority of the work group members constitutes a quorum. If
36 a member has not been designated for a position set forth in this
37 section, that position may not be counted for the purpose of
38 determining a quorum.

39 (6) The work group shall hold its inaugural meeting by August 1,
40 2020. The work group shall elect a chair from among its members at

1 the inaugural meeting. The election of the chair must be by a
2 majority vote of the work group members who are present at the
3 inaugural meeting. The chair of the work group is responsible for
4 arranging subsequent meetings and developing meeting agendas.

5 (7) Staff support for the work group, including arranging the
6 inaugural meeting of the work group and assisting the chair of the
7 work group in arranging subsequent meetings, must be provided by
8 senate committee services and the house of representatives office of
9 program research.

10 (8) The expenses of the work group must be paid jointly by the
11 senate and the house of representatives. Work group expenditures are
12 subject to approval by the senate facilities and operations committee
13 and the house of representatives executive rules committee, or their
14 successor committees.

15 (9) Legislative members of the work group may be reimbursed for
16 travel expenses in accordance with RCW 44.04.120. Nonlegislative
17 members are not entitled to be reimbursed for travel expenses if they
18 are elected officials or are participating on behalf of an employer,
19 governmental entity, or other organization. Any reimbursement for
20 other nonlegislative members is subject to chapter 43.03 RCW.

21 (10) The work group is a class one group under chapter 43.03 RCW.

22 (11) A public comment period must be provided at every meeting of
23 the work group.

24 (12) The work group shall submit a report on recommended policies
25 that will facilitate the development of blockchain applications in
26 Washington to the governor and the appropriate committees of the
27 legislature by December 1, 2021.

28 (13) This section expires January 1, 2022. The work group is
29 dissolved upon the expiration of this section.

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