

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1783**

Chapter 311, Laws of 2023

68th Legislature  
2023 Regular Session

ASSOCIATE DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATIONS—GRANT WRITERS—GRANT PROGRAM

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 23, 2023

Passed by the House April 14, 2023  
Yeas 96 Nays 0

LAURIE JINKINS

**Speaker of the House of  
Representatives**

Passed by the Senate April 11, 2023  
Yeas 49 Nays 0

DENNY HECK

**President of the Senate**

Approved May 4, 2023 3:44 PM

JAY INSLEE

**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Bernard Dean, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1783** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

BERNARD DEAN

**Chief Clerk**

FILED

May 5, 2023

**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**

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AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

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**By** House Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives Sandlin, Maycumber, Couture, Chapman, Dent, Eslick, and Volz)

READ FIRST TIME 02/24/23.

1            AN ACT Relating to supporting economic development in distressed  
2 areas through hiring of grant writers; adding a new section to  
3 chapter 43.330 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

5            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.**    The legislature finds that access to  
6 economic development assistance from government and philanthropic  
7 sources typically requires careful and skilled writing of grant  
8 applications. The legislature finds that trained and skilled grant  
9 writers are scarce, and particularly difficult to find in distressed  
10 areas with higher rates of unemployment that need economic  
11 development assistance. Therefore, the legislature intends to provide  
12 the department of commerce with the authority and resources necessary  
13 to ensure each county associate development organization can recruit  
14 and retain a grant writer.

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

17            (1) Subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for this  
18 specific purpose, by July 1, 2024, the department shall establish a  
19 grant program to support associate development organizations in the  
20 recruiting, hiring, and retention of grant writers. The department

1 must award grants on an annual basis and must prioritize grants for  
2 distressed areas as defined under RCW 43.168.020.

3 (2) Associate development organizations must apply for the grant  
4 program in a manner to be determined by the department.

5 (3) Associate development organizations that receive awards under  
6 this section must provide information on the use of the funds,  
7 including a description of the associate development organization's  
8 recruiting and hiring efforts and, if applicable, the number and  
9 types of grants applied for by the grant writers funded by the state,  
10 in their annual reports to the department required under RCW  
11 43.330.082.

12 (4) Beginning December 31, 2026, the department must include  
13 information on grant award funding and use in its reports to the  
14 legislature on associate development organizations contracts required  
15 under RCW 43.330.082.

16 (5) The department shall adopt rules to implement this section.

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