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1 AN ACT Relating to the advancement of quantum economic
2 development; adding new sections to chapter 43.330 RCW; and providing
3 an expiration date.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 43.330
6 RCW to read as follows:

7 (1) An advisory committee to advance the economic development of
8 quantum technologies is established with members as provided in this
9 section.

10 (a) The lieutenant governor or designee;

11 (b) One statewide elected official;

12 (c) The director or designee;

13 (d) One or more representatives from an institution of higher
14 education, as defined in RCW 28B.10.016;

15 (e) Two representatives from technology companies with
16 headquarters in the state;

17 (f) One representative from an aerospace company with a factory
18 in the state;

19 (g) One representative from a company that builds and sells
20 quantum computers and software; and

1 (h) One representative from the Pacific Northwest national
2 laboratory.

3 (2) The members of the advisory committee shall be appointed by
4 the director.

5 (3) The department must provide direction and ensure
6 accountability for the advisory committee through its information
7 technology sector lead within the office of economic development and
8 competitiveness.

9 (4) The department must provide staff for the advisory committee.

10 (5) The advisory committee must:

11 (a) Select a chair from among its membership;

12 (b) Meet at least quarterly, with the initial meeting no later
13 than August 1, 2025;

14 (c) Produce an annual report to the legislature with
15 recommendations to competitively promote a quantum technology
16 ecosystem in the state; and

17 (d) Produce a workforce development plan.

18 (6) This section expires June 30, 2027.

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

21 (1) Subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for this
22 specific purpose, the department, through its office of economic
23 development and competitiveness, shall establish a grant program to
24 support applicants for federal grants related to quantum technology.

25 (2) The department must partner with an institution of higher
26 education, as defined in RCW 28B.10.016, with a research program in
27 quantum technology.

28 (3) The department may consult with technology companies, the
29 northwest quantum nexus coalition, companies that build and sell
30 quantum computers and software, or the Pacific Northwest national
31 laboratory to identify relevant federal grants for the state's
32 economic development.

33 (4) The department must award grants on at least an annual basis.

34 (5) Eligible applicants must apply for the grant program in a
35 manner to be determined by the department.

36 (6) The department may adopt rules to implement this section.

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