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**SENATE BILL 5300**

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**By** Senators Skratek, Erwin, Williams, M. Rasmussen, Sheldon and Winsley

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1 AN ACT Relating to economic development; adding new sections to  
2 chapter 44.52 RCW; repealing RCW 44.52.010, 44.52.020, 44.52.030,  
3 44.52.040, 44.52.050, 44.52.060, and 44.52.070; providing an effective  
4 date; and declaring an emergency.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) Economic development programs, which  
7 include work force training, industrial modernization, and export  
8 assistance, have become increasingly important to state efforts to  
9 encourage employment growth, increased state revenues, and general  
10 economic well-being. Economic trends are rapidly changing and markets  
11 have become increasingly competitive as states and countries seek to  
12 improve and safeguard their own economic well-being. The purpose of  
13 the executive-legislative committee on economic development is to  
14 provide responsive and consistent involvement by the executive branch  
15 and the legislature in economic development to maintain a healthy state  
16 economy and to provide employment opportunities to Washington  
17 residents.

18 (2) There is created an executive-legislative committee on economic  
19 development which shall consist of six senators and six members of the

1 house of representatives, the governor or the governor's  
2 representative, and five other members appointed by the governor. The  
3 senate members of the committee shall be appointed by the president of  
4 the senate and the house members of the committee shall be appointed by  
5 the speaker of the house of representatives. Not more than three  
6 members from each house shall be from the same political party. The  
7 committee shall have three cochairmen: (a) The governor or the  
8 governor's representative, (b) a senator appointed from the majority  
9 caucus by the president of the senate, and (c) a house member appointed  
10 by the speaker of the house of representatives. A list of appointees  
11 shall be submitted before the close of each regular legislative session  
12 during an odd-numbered year or any successive special session convened  
13 by the governor or the legislature prior to the close of such regular  
14 session or successive special session or sessions for confirmation of  
15 senate members, by the senate, and house members, by the house of  
16 representatives. Vacancies occurring shall be filled by the appointing  
17 authority.

18 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The committee shall by majority vote  
19 establish subcommittees, and prescribe rules of procedure for itself  
20 and its subcommittees which are consistent with this chapter. The  
21 committee shall be convened within ninety days of the end of each  
22 regular legislative session to establish its work plan and meeting  
23 dates for the year.

24 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The committee or its subcommittees are  
25 authorized to study and review economic development issues; including  
26 work force training, industrial modernization, export assistance,  
27 tourism, investment, and entrepreneurial development; and to assist the  
28 legislature in developing a comprehensive and consistent economic  
29 development policy. The committee's work may include:

30 (1) Evaluating existing state policies, laws, and programs which  
31 promote or affect economic development and determine their cost-  
32 effectiveness and level of cooperation with other public and private  
33 agencies;

34 (2) Monitoring economic trends, and developing for review by the  
35 legislature such appropriate state responses as may be deemed effective  
36 and appropriate;

1 (3) Monitoring economic development policies and programs of other  
2 states and nations and evaluating their effectiveness;

3 (4) Determining the economic impact of various business or  
4 industrial sectors upon the state's economy;

5 (5) Assessing the need for and effect of federal, regional, and  
6 state cooperation in economic development policies and programs; and

7 (6) Developing and evaluating legislative proposals and strategic  
8 plans concerning the issues specified in this section.

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** The committee shall receive the necessary  
10 staff support from the staff resources of the senate, house of  
11 representatives, and governor.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** The members of the committee shall serve  
13 without additional compensation, but shall be reimbursed for their  
14 travel expenses, in accordance with RCW 44.04.120 for members of the  
15 legislature or by the office of the governor under RCW 43.03.050 and  
16 43.03.060 for the governor's appointees, incurred while attending  
17 sessions of the committee or meetings of any subcommittee of the  
18 committee, while engaged on other committee business authorized by the  
19 committee, and while going to and coming from committee sessions or  
20 committee meetings.

21 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** The committee shall cooperate, act, and  
22 function with legislative committees, executive agencies, and with the  
23 councils or committees of other states similar to this committee and  
24 with other interstate research or policy organizations.

25 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** The following acts or parts of acts are each  
26 repealed:

27 (1) RCW 44.52.010 and 1985 c 467 s 17;

28 (2) RCW 44.52.020 and 1985 c 467 s 18;

29 (3) RCW 44.52.030 and 1985 c 467 s 19;

30 (4) RCW 44.52.040 and 1985 c 467 s 20;

31 (5) RCW 44.52.050 and 1985 c 467 s 21;

32 (6) RCW 44.52.060 and 1985 c 467 s 22; and

33 (7) RCW 44.52.070 and 1985 c 467 s 23.

1        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 8.**    Sections 1 through 6 of this act are each  
2 added to chapter 44.52 RCW.

3        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 9.**    If any provision of this act or its  
4 application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the  
5 remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other  
6 persons or circumstances is not affected.

7        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 10.**    This act is necessary for the immediate  
8 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the  
9 state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take  
10 effect July 1, 1993.

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