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By Senators Sheldon, Bluechel, Skratek, Williams, Erwin, M. Rasmussen, Haugen and Oke

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1 AN ACT Relating to economic development; adding a new section to
2 chapter 43.330 RCW; creating a new section; and making an
3 appropriation.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that it is in the
6 interest of the state to increase participation by Washington state
7 small businesses in the federal small business innovation research
8 program and to assist small businesses in the state in becoming small
9 business innovation research program grant recipients. Small
10 technology-based firms are the source of approximately one-half of our
11 nation's major innovations.

12 The legislature further finds that many innovators lack the grant-
13 writing skills necessary to prepare a successful proposal and could
14 benefit from the assistance of others in the state with grant-writing
15 experience.

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

1 (1) As used in this section, the following terms shall have the
2 following meanings:

3 (a) "Small business innovation research program" means the program,
4 enacted pursuant to the small business innovation development act of
5 1982, P.L. 97-219, that provided funds to small businesses to conduct
6 innovative research having commercial application.

7 (b) "Small business" means a corporation, partnership, sole
8 proprietorship, or individual, operating a business for profit, with
9 two hundred fifty employees or fewer, including employees employed in
10 a subsidiary or affiliated corporation that otherwise meets the
11 requirements of the federal small business innovation research program.

12 (2) The department shall establish a small business innovation
13 research program research proposal review program to assist Washington
14 small businesses to win phase I small business innovation research
15 program awards.

16 (a) Each phase I application shall be reviewed by a previous small
17 business innovation research program participant or by a two-member
18 team composed of either two previous small business innovation research
19 program participants or an experienced grant writer and a previous
20 small business innovation research program participant.

21 (b) Each reviewer or team participant shall be retained by the
22 department at a rate of no more than five hundred dollars per proposal.

23 (c) In implementing this program, the department shall give
24 priority to first-time small business innovation research program
25 applicants, new businesses, and firms with fewer than ten employees.

26 (d) The department may charge a fee for this service that is
27 contingent upon the small business's receipt of a phase I award.

28 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The sum of forty-nine thousand dollars, or
29 as much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for the biennium
30 ending June 30, 1995, from the general fund to the department of
31 community, trade, and economic development for the purposes of this
32 act.

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