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By House Technology, Economic Development, & Veterans (originally sponsored by Representatives Ryu, Volz, Eslick, Reeves, Shavers, Zahn, Pollet, Reed, Nance, Kloba, and Barnard)

1 AN ACT Relating to a five-year statewide economic development
2 plan; adding a new section to chapter 43.330 RCW; providing an
3 effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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 for a five-year statewide economic
8 development plan is established with at least 16 members, who must
9 reflect the geographic, racial, and ethnic diversity of the state and
10 be inclusive of historically marginalized communities. The advisory
11 committee may be expanded to add additional representatives to
12 include emerging or rapidly growing economic sectors. These
13 representatives may be added on an as-needed basis, as determined by
14 the director, to ensure comprehensive and adaptive representation of
15 key economic drivers essential to the state's long-term economic
16 development. The advisory committee must include:

17 (a) One representative from the department's office of economic
18 development and competitiveness, who shall be appointed by the
19 director and serve as chair;

20 (b) Two representatives and two senators, representing each of
21 the four caucuses;

1 (c) One representative of the governor's office;

2 (d) The director of the workforce training and education
3 coordinating board, as provided in RCW 28C.18.020, or the director's
4 designee;

5 (e) The director of the department of ecology, as provided in RCW
6 43.21A.050, or the director's designee; and

7 (f) At least eight representatives appointed by the director,
8 representing an associate development organization, port, labor
9 council, research institution, the department's office of tribal
10 relations, the department's small business resiliency network, and
11 industry associations representing key economic sectors including
12 retail, technology, manufacturing, agriculture, and hospitality and
13 tourism.

14 (2) The members of the advisory committee may be reimbursed for
15 travel expenses as provided in RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.

16 (3) The members of the advisory committee shall serve two-year
17 terms and may be reappointed.

18 (4) The department must convene an advisory committee every five
19 years, beginning in 2025, to:

20 (a) Provide guidance to the department identifying priorities and
21 recommendations for a five-year statewide economic development plan;

22 (b) Meet at least three times during the first plan development
23 year, and quarterly in the first plan development year for updated
24 plans;

25 (c) Hold at least four public meetings in different regions of
26 the state to solicit input on the priorities and recommendations
27 during the plan development year;

28 (d) Advise the department on policy recommendations to implement
29 the five-year economic development plan; and

30 (e) Review and provide guidance on recommended legislation to
31 implement the five-year economic development plan priorities within
32 one year after the proposal under subsection (7) of this section is
33 provided.

34 (5) The advisory committee must be staffed by the department.

35 (6) The department must consult with the following for feedback
36 on the criteria and content of the five-year statewide economic
37 development plan prior to the third meeting of the advisory
38 committee:

39 (a) The state commission on Hispanic affairs, created in chapter
40 43.115 RCW;

1 (b) The commission on African American affairs, created in
2 chapter 43.113 RCW;

3 (c) The state commission on Asian Pacific American affairs,
4 created in chapter 43.117 RCW;

5 (d) The women's commission, created in chapter 43.119 RCW;

6 (e) The office of minority and women's business enterprises,
7 created in chapter 39.19 RCW; and

8 (f) The employment security department, created in Title 50 RCW.

9 (7) The department must use the advisory committee's guidance and
10 recommendations, public input, and commission and agency
11 consultations to develop a final proposal for a five-year statewide
12 economic development plan. The proposal must include long-term goals
13 and measurable benchmarks. The department must provide the first
14 proposal with recommended legislation to the appropriate committees
15 of the legislature and the governor by November 30, 2025. The
16 department must provide updated proposals every five years
17 thereafter.

18 (8) The department must provide recommended legislation, if any,
19 to implement the five-year statewide economic development plan by
20 June 30, 2026, and every five years thereafter.

21 (9) The department must provide a progress report on
22 implementation of the five-year statewide economic development plan
23 to the appropriate committees of the legislature and the governor two
24 years after providing the proposal under subsection (7) of this
25 section.

26 (10) The department must comply with the requirements of RCW
27 43.18A.020 in making appointments provided in this section. The
28 department must provide the report required in RCW 43.18A.030.

29 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** This act is necessary for the immediate
30 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of
31 the state government and its existing public institutions, and takes
32 effect May 5, 2025.

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