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By Senator Stanford

1 AN ACT Relating to the administration of the legislative
2 committee on economic development and international relations;
3 amending RCW 43.15.050, 43.15.060, and 43.15.090; and repealing RCW
4 43.15.085.

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

6 **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.15.050 and 2003 c 265 s 1 are each amended to
7 read as follows:

8 The legislative international trade account is created in the
9 custody of the state treasurer. All moneys received by the president
10 of the senate and the secretary of state from gifts, grants, and
11 endowments for international trade hosting, international relations,
12 and international missions activities must be deposited in the
13 account. Only private, nonpublic gifts, grants, and endowments may be
14 deposited in the account. A person, as defined in RCW 42.52.010, may
15 not donate, gift, grant, or endow more than five thousand dollars per
16 calendar year to the legislative international trade account.
17 Expenditures from the account may be used only for the purposes of
18 international trade hosting, international relations, and
19 international trade mission activities, (~~excluding travel and~~
20 ~~lodging,~~) in which the president and members of the senate, members
21 of the house of representatives, and the secretary of state

1 participate in an official capacity. An appropriation is not required
2 for expenditures. All requests by individual legislators for use of
3 funds from this account must be first approved by the secretary of
4 the senate for members of the senate or the chief clerk of the house
5 of representatives for members of the house of representatives. All
6 expenditures from the account shall be authorized by the final signed
7 approval of the chief clerk of the house of representatives, the
8 secretary of the senate, and the president of the senate.

9 **Sec. 2.** RCW 43.15.060 and 2020 c 114 s 20 are each amended to
10 read as follows:

11 (1) Economic development and in particular international trade,
12 tourism, and investment have become increasingly important to
13 Washington, affecting the state's employment, revenues, and general
14 economic well-being. Additionally, economic trends are rapidly
15 changing and the international marketplace has become increasingly
16 competitive as states and countries seek to improve and safeguard
17 their own economic well-being. The purpose of the legislative
18 committee on economic development and international relations is to
19 provide responsive and consistent involvement by the legislature in
20 economic development to maintain a healthy state economy and to
21 provide employment opportunities to Washington residents.

22 (2) There is created a legislative committee on economic
23 development and international relations which shall consist of
24 ~~((six))~~ eight senators and ~~((six))~~ eight representatives from the
25 legislature and the lieutenant governor who shall serve as
26 chairperson. The senate members of the committee shall be appointed
27 by the president of the senate and the house members of the committee
28 shall be appointed by the speaker of the house. Not more than
29 ~~((three))~~ four members from each house shall be from the same
30 political party. Vacancies occurring shall be filled by the
31 appointing authority.

32 **Sec. 3.** RCW 43.15.090 and 1985 c 467 s 23 are each amended to
33 read as follows:

34 The committee shall cooperate, act, and function with legislative
35 committees, executive agencies, and with the councils or committees
36 of other states and of provinces and territories of Canada similar to
37 this committee ~~((and))~~ , with other interstate research organizations,
38 and with foreign consuls.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** RCW 43.15.085 (Legislative committee on
2 economic development and international relations—Expenses) and 1985 c
3 467 s 22 are each repealed.

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