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1 AN ACT Relating to regulatory fairness; adding a new section to  
2 chapter 19.85 RCW; adding new sections to chapter 34.05 RCW; adding a  
3 new section to chapter 43.17 RCW; and adding a new section to chapter  
4 43.31 RCW.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 19.85 RCW  
7 to read as follows:

8 When any rule is proposed for which a small business economic  
9 impact statement is required, the agency shall assure that small  
10 businesses have been given notice of the proposed rule through any of  
11 the following that may apply:

12 (1) Direct notification of known interested small businesses  
13 affected by the proposed rule;

14 (2) Notice to business or trade organizations;

1 (3) Publication of a general notice of the proposed rule making in  
2 publications likely to be obtained by small businesses of the types  
3 affected by the proposed rule; or

4 (4) The appointment of a committee, as provided in RCW 34.05.310,  
5 to comment on the subject of the possible rule making before the  
6 publication of notice of proposed rule adoption under RCW 34.05.320.

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 34.05 RCW  
8 to read as follows:

9 The joint administrative rules review committee may review any rule  
10 to determine whether an agency complied with the regulatory business  
11 requirements of chapter 19.85 RCW.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 34.05 RCW  
13 to read as follows:

14 The joint administrative rules review committee shall provide  
15 notice, conduct its hearings and reviews, and provide notice of  
16 committee objections to small business economic impact statements  
17 required under chapter 19.85 RCW in the same manner as is provided for  
18 notice, hearings, reviews, and objections to rules under this chapter.

19 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** A new section is added to chapter 43.17 RCW  
20 to read as follows:

21 (1) The rules coordinator under RCW 34.05.310 shall be  
22 knowledgeable regarding the agency's regulations that affect  
23 businesses. When requested, the rules coordinator shall provide a list  
24 of all applicable agency regulations that apply to a specific business.  
25 The rules coordinator shall, upon request, provide a written statement  
26 listing all agency requirements that must be satisfied to obtain a  
27 specified permit or other approval.

1 (2) The rules coordinator shall provide a list of agency  
2 regulations that apply to a specific business to the business  
3 assistance center when so requested by the business assistance center.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** A new section is added to chapter 43.31 RCW  
5 to read as follows:

6 The business assistance center shall coordinate the provision of  
7 better and more reliable information by state agencies regarding state  
8 regulations that affect specific businesses. When requested, the  
9 business assistance center shall compile a list of specific regulations  
10 that apply to a specific business by obtaining a list from the rules  
11 coordinator for each applicable agency.