
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5514

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By Senate Committee on Trade, Technology & Economic Development
(originally sponsored by Senators Sheldon, Bluechel, Williams, Erwin,
Skratek, M. Rasmussen, Deccio and Snyder)

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1 AN ACT Relating to economic development grants; adding new sections
2 to chapter 43.41 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 state-supported
6 economic development efforts, including work force training, technology
7 transfer, and industrial modernization, can make a significant
8 difference in the health and diversification of the state's economy.
9 There are numerous federal and private economic development grant
10 programs and research projects designed to increase the competitiveness
11 of American firms and local work forces, for which state agencies and
12 local consortiums are eligible to apply. The legislature further
13 finds that state agencies in Washington have not maximized the
14 opportunities available to them to facilitate the receipt of federal
15 and private funds by Washington firms, nor have they maximized the
16 opportunities available to receive federal funds directly to augment
17 state economic development efforts.

18 The legislature declares that it is the state's policy to maximize
19 the use of federal and private funds for economic development purposes

1 and to devote state resources to leverage federal and private dollars
2 to supplement state economic development efforts. In furtherance of
3 this policy, it is the purpose of section 2 of this act to authorize
4 and fund a technical assistance and grant writing program within the
5 office of financial management.

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 43.41 RCW
7 to read as follows:

8 The economic development grants program is created in the office of
9 financial management. The program shall be operated by a managing
10 director with the support of at least one grant writer either on
11 contract or on staff. The managing director shall:

12 (1) Regularly review the federal register for opportunities to
13 apply for grants, research projects, and demonstration projects;

14 (2) Stay abreast of grant opportunities with private foundations;

15 (3) Correspond and meet with federal officials, including those in
16 the small business administration, the department of labor, the
17 department of commerce, and the department of health and human
18 services, as well as foundation officials, on the prospects for
19 obtaining federal and private funds for economic development purposes
20 in Washington state;

21 (4) Work with the agency heads and division directors of the
22 departments of trade and economic development, the employment security
23 department, the department of agriculture, the department of community
24 development, the Washington technology center, and other state agencies
25 as appropriate, to apprise them of the opportunities for federal and
26 private grant dollars for economic development projects;

27 (5) Work with business, labor, and community groups to apprise them
28 of the opportunities for federal and private grant dollars for economic
29 development projects via publications, electronic bulletin boards, or
30 toll-free phone lines;

31 (6) Assist state agencies in their grant-seeking efforts for
32 economic development projects. Grant writing for and assistance in
33 grant writing for projects sponsored or cosponsored by state agencies
34 shall be the highest priority of the program's work;

35 (7) Assist local business, labor, and community consortiums in
36 their grant-seeking efforts for economic development projects.

1 (8) Facilitate coordination and linkages between agencies and
2 between local consortiums and state agencies that will increase the
3 likelihood of success in grant seeking; and

4 (8) Garner the political support necessary from federal and state
5 elected and appointed officials for success in grant seeking.

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 43.31 RCW
7 to read as follows:

8 The department shall ensure that the business assistance center,
9 the small business development centers, and the associate development
10 organizations that operate under the authority of the department notify
11 their constituencies and clients of the availability of the technical
12 assistance services of the economic development grants program created
13 in section 2 of this act.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** The sum of two hundred forty-eight thousand
15 dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for
16 the biennium ending June 30, 1995, from the general fund to the office
17 of financial management for the purposes of section 1 of this act.

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