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Sponsor(s): House Committee on Trade & Economic Development
(originally sponsored by Representatives Blake, Veloria and Chase)

Brief Description: Creating a maritime office in the department of community, trade, and economic development.

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Provides that, if appropriated by the legislature, the department of community, trade, and economic development shall use funding available for qualified maritime industry consulting services, in consultation with maritime industry representatives, to study and make recommendations to establish and implement a Washington maritime industry function at the department.

Provides that following the receipt of the report the department of community, trade, and economic development shall develop the Washington maritime industry function, with a focus on strengthening the maritime cluster in Washington.

Provides that following the development of the Washington maritime industry function, the department of community, trade, and economic development shall provide the maritime industry with enhanced knowledge, resources, and advocacy, by working with federal and state agencies, local governments, maritime businesses, and maritime organizations to:

- (1) Bring potential trading and business partners together;

- (2) Identify strategic infrastructure priorities and needs;
- (3) Attract key freight services;
- (4) Measure performance;
- (5) Attract, develop, and retain maritime industry businesses;
- (6) Identify and address state and local barriers to maritime competitiveness utilizing risk-based, cost-beneficial, level playing field principles; and
- (7) Identify work force needs.

Directs the Washington maritime office to collect and distribute data regarding the maritime trade and industry. A report summarizing the data shall be made available annually.