
SENATE BILL 6025

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By Senators Shin, Kohl-Welles, Thibaudeau and Rasmussen

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1 AN ACT Relating to expanding the office of the Washington state
2 trade representative; and amending RCW 43.332.010.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.332.010 and 2003 c 346 s 2 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) The office of the Washington state trade representative is
7 created in the office of the governor. (~~The office~~) A minimum of two
8 trade policy professionals shall serve the office as the state's
9 official liaisons with foreign governments on trade matters. The state
10 trade representatives shall be appointed by the governor with consent
11 of the senate.

12 (2) The office shall:

13 (a) Work with the department of community, trade, and economic
14 development, the department of agriculture, and other appropriate state
15 agencies, and within the agencies' existing resources, review and
16 analyze proposed and enacted international trade agreements and provide
17 an assessment of the impact of the proposed or enacted agreement on
18 Washington's businesses and firms;

1 (b) Provide input to the office of the United States trade
2 representative in the development of international trade, commodity,
3 and direct investment policies that reflect the concerns of the state
4 of Washington;

5 (c) Serve as liaison to the legislature on matters of trade policy
6 oversight including, but not limited to, updates to the legislature
7 regarding the status of trade negotiations, trade litigation, and the
8 impacts of trade policy on Washington state businesses;

9 (d) Work with the international trade division of the department of
10 community, trade, and economic development and the international
11 marketing program of the Washington state department of agriculture to
12 develop a statewide strategy designed to increase the export of
13 Washington goods and services, particularly goods and services from
14 small and medium-sized businesses; (~~and~~)

15 (e) Promote the governor's trade efforts by initiating, organizing,
16 and coordinating state trade missions; and

17 (f) Conduct other activities the governor deems necessary to
18 promote international trade and foreign investment within the state.

19 (3) The office shall prepare and submit an annual report on its
20 activities under subsection (2) of this section to the governor and
21 appropriate committees of the legislature.

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