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By Senators Kilmer, Kastama, Kauffman, Sheldon, Shin, Delvin, Brown, Roach and Rasmussen

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1 AN ACT Relating to establishing a statewide online business  
2 training and entrepreneurial curriculum; and adding a new section to  
3 chapter 43.330 RCW; and making an appropriation.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 43.330 RCW  
6 to read as follows:

7 (1) The legislature finds that a state-certified entrepreneurial  
8 and small business development online curriculum would increase access  
9 to business proficiency skills and would promote small business  
10 longevity for individuals interested in self-employment.

11 (2) The department of community, trade, and economic development  
12 shall:

13 (a) Contract for the development, distribution, and promotion of an  
14 entrepreneurial and small business development online curriculum;

15 (b) Establish the curriculum course content in coordination with:  
16 The state microenterprise association; the small business development  
17 center; universities and community and technical colleges with small  
18 business assistance programs; the workforce training and education

1 coordinating board; and other public and private entrepreneurial and  
2 small business assistance centers in the state;

3 (c) Complete the curriculum content as soon as possible, but no  
4 later than December 31, 2007, and complete the online curriculum by no  
5 later than June 30, 2008;

6 (d) Make the curriculum free of charge and available for use by  
7 individuals and all public and private entrepreneurial development and  
8 small business assistance centers throughout the state;

9 (e) Promote curriculum use by providing electronic and printed  
10 informational materials on the curriculum to public and private  
11 entrepreneurial development and small business assistance centers  
12 throughout the state;

13 (f) Ensure curriculum accessibility by including in the curriculum  
14 contract the use of web links to the curriculum on state public and  
15 private websites that small business owners and entrepreneurs use in  
16 establishing and incorporating their businesses; and

17 (g) Complete online links to the curriculum on state public and  
18 private websites by December 31, 2008.

19 (3) The entrepreneurial and small business development curriculum  
20 courses shall contain written assignments and progress standards that  
21 allow participants to submit their work product and prove curriculum  
22 completion to state agencies or private organizations for credit.

23 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The sum of fifty thousand dollars, or as  
24 much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for the fiscal year  
25 ending June 30, 2008, from the general fund to the department of  
26 community, trade, and economic development to carry out the purposes of  
27 section 1 of this act.

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