
SENATE BILL 5014

State of Washington

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By Senator Roach

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1 AN ACT Relating to establishing a joint select task force on the
2 data center industry in Washington; creating a new section; and
3 providing an expiration date.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1)(a) A joint select task force on
6 maintaining and expanding the data center industry in Washington is
7 established, with members as provided in this subsection.

8 (i) The president of the senate shall appoint one member from
9 each of the two largest caucuses of the senate.

10 (ii) The speaker of the house of representatives shall appoint
11 one member from each of the two largest caucuses of the house of
12 representatives.

13 (iii) The president of the senate and the speaker of the house of
14 representatives jointly shall appoint four members representing local
15 government or private sector interests.

16 (iv) The governor shall appoint one member representing the
17 department of commerce.

18 (b) The legislative members of the task force shall convene the
19 initial meeting of the task force. The task force shall select
20 cochairs from among its legislative members at the initial meeting.

21 (2) The task force shall review the following issues:

- 1 (a) The current state of the data center industry in Washington.
- 2 (b) Policies and incentives available in Washington and other
3 areas for data centers.
- 4 (c) Recommendations for changes to state and local policies to
5 maintain and expand data centers and create jobs in Washington.
- 6 (3) Staff support for the task force must be provided by the
7 senate committee services and the house of representatives office of
8 program research.
- 9 (4) Legislative members of the task force are reimbursed for
10 travel expenses in accordance with RCW 44.04.120. Nonlegislative
11 members are not entitled to be reimbursed for travel expenses if they
12 are elected officials or are participating on behalf of an employer,
13 governmental entity, or other organization. Any reimbursement for
14 other nonlegislative members is subject to chapter 43.03 RCW.
- 15 (5) The expenses of the task force must be paid jointly by the
16 senate and the house of representatives. Task force expenditures are
17 subject to approval by the senate facilities and operations committee
18 and the house of representatives executive rules committee, or their
19 successor committees.
- 20 (6) The task force shall report its findings and recommendations
21 to the governor and appropriate committees of the legislature by
22 December 1, 2017.
- 23 (7) This section expires December 31, 2017.

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