
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6656

State of Washington

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By Senate Financial Institutions, Economic Development & Trade
(originally sponsored by Senators Hasegawa, Mullet, and Frockt)

1 AN ACT Relating to engaging with key international markets;
2 adding new sections to chapter 43.330 RCW; and making an
3 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
6 RCW to read as follows:

7 (1) The department shall engage with key international markets to
8 increase trade and investment opportunities for Washington companies
9 and regions.

10 (2) The department engagement with international markets shall
11 focus on three deliverables:

12 (a) Increased international business opportunities for Washington
13 businesses, particularly small businesses in rural communities;

14 (b) Increased investment in Washington by multinational companies
15 in communities statewide; and

16 (c) The maintenance and development of new partnerships with, but
17 not limited to, international governments, businesses and
18 organizations, focusing on the innovative industries of tomorrow,
19 including clean technology (such as battery storage, renewables, and
20 electrified transportation), aerospace, agriculture, information,
21 communication technology, advanced manufacturing, and life sciences.

1 (3) The department shall establish representation in key
2 international markets that include, but are not limited to: Japan,
3 Taiwan, China, South Korea, United Kingdom, France, Germany, Canada,
4 Vietnam, India, United Arab Emirates, and Mexico.

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 43.330
6 RCW to read as follows:

7 By December 1st of each even-numbered year, the department must
8 transmit a report summarizing outcomes under section 1 of this act
9 and be available to present an update on global trade and exports to
10 the appropriate committees of the legislature. The report must
11 include the following information and metrics resulting from the
12 department's engagement with international markets:

- 13 (1) An overview of activities and contracts funded through
14 appropriated funds;
- 15 (2) Additional funding invested in Washington companies;
- 16 (3) The number of jobs created in Washington;
- 17 (4) The number of partnerships established and maintained by the
18 department with international governments, businesses, and
19 organizations; and
- 20 (5) The international markets that the department has established
21 representation in.

22 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The sum of two million dollars, or as much
23 thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for the fiscal year
24 ending June 30, 2021, from the general fund to the department of
25 commerce for the purposes of this act.

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