PARTICIPATION IN WORLD EXPOSITION OF 1970.

AN ACT to promote the commerce and economic development of the state; creating a commission to study the feasibility of state participation in the World Exposition of 1970; prescribing powers and duties; and providing for the payment of certain expenses of the commission.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

Purpose.

Section 1. The 1962 world fair held in Seattle resulted in the influx of thousands of visitors from all over the world and aided in promoting the state and its large variety of products and its great trade potential. It also served to strengthen the social, cultural, and economic ties between the state and its Pacific Rim neighbor, Japan. In 1970 Japan will host a world exposition. Recent experience has proven that participation in such events benefits all those concerned. The feasibility and desirability of participation by the state of Washington in the 1970 world exposition should be thoroughly studied before the 1969 regular session of the legislature.

Sec. 2. There is hereby created the world fair commission to consist of nine members to be selected prior to the adjournment of the fortieth session of the legislature as follows: Three by the governor, of whom one shall be the director of the department of commerce and economic development and who shall be designated by the governor as chairman of the commission, two senators (being one from the senate majority and one from the senate minority) by the president of the senate, who shall also be a member, and two representatives (being one from the house majority and one from the house minority) by the speaker of the house of representatives, who shall also be a member, to serve until January 6, 1969. The commission shall
serve without compensation but shall receive while on commission business their necessary expenses therefor as provided for in RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060, and shall meet at such time as it is called by the governor or by the chairman of the commission.

Sec. 3. The commission shall make complete studies and investigations concerning the feasibility and desirability of state participation in the world exposition of 1970. The commission shall file a report of its conclusions and recommendations regarding participation by the state of Washington in such world exposition to the 1969 legislature. The commission shall, in the event that it deems participation desirable, include in its report ways and means whereby the state's participation in the world exposition of 1970 may be implemented, and shall prepare the legislation necessary therefor. Copies of said report shall be submitted to the governor, the president of the senate and the speaker of the house of representatives by November 1, 1968. The commission may employ such staff and personnel as is necessary to carry out its duties.

Sec. 4. The expenses of the commission incurred under this act shall be paid by the director of commerce and economic development as a proper charge to the state trade fair fund. This amount is not to exceed the sum of forty thousand dollars or as much thereof as may be necessary for the fiscal biennium ending June 30, 1969.

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