

MANUFACTURING "CZAR"

House Bill 5306

Sponsor: Rep. Judy Emmons

Committee: Commerce

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 5306 AS INTRODUCED 11-13-03

The bill would create the Office of Manufacturing Czar in the Department of Labor and Economic Growth (LEG). The "manufacturing czar" would be appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the Senate. The individual appointed manufacturing czar would be required to have experience in creating manufacturing jobs in the private sector, and would report directly to the LEG Director. The manufacturing czar would be required to do all of the following:

- Devote his or her entire time to facilitating the creation and retention of manufacturing jobs in the state.
- Implement the portions of LEG's strategic plan addressing manufacturing job creation and retention in the state.
- Coordinate all programs within the department and across government to create and retain manufacturing jobs in the state.
- Aid and assist manufacturers in the state.
- Work to create a business environment that encourages and sustains manufacturing in the state.
- Work to empower manufacturers to take advantage of the opportunities the market offers in the state.

(The Department of Labor and Economic Growth would be created by Executive Order 2003-18, which will take effect on December 7, 2003, unless rejected by the Legislature.)

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