

1 **SSB 5702** - H COMM AMD

2 By Committee on Revenue

3 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert:

4 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. A new section is added to chapter
5 43.88 RCW to read as follows:

6 The office of financial management shall determine caseload
7 forecasts. The department of social and health services, the
8 department of corrections, the higher education coordinating board,
9 the state board for community college education, the superintendent
10 of public instruction, and the caseload forecast workgroup shall
11 assist the office of financial management in determining caseloads.

12 As used in this act, "caseloads" means:

13 (1) State population, and

14 (2) The number of persons expected to meet eligibility
15 requirements or require services from the following programs or
16 institutions:

17 (a) Income assistance programs;

18 (b) The medical assistance program;

19 (c) The juvenile rehabilitation program;

20 (d) Nursing homes;

21 (e) State correctional institutions;

22 (f) State institutions for the mentally ill, including
23 involuntary treatment;

24 (g) Kindergarten through twelfth grade institutions,

25 (h) Handicapped enrollment;

26 (i) Bilingual education enrollment;

1 (j) Higher education institutions; and

2 (k) Other programs or institutions as determined by the office
3 of financial management.

4 NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. A new section is added to chapter 43.88
5 RCW to read as follows:

6 (1) On or before November 20th of each year, February 20th in
7 the even-numbered years, and March 20th in the odd-numbered years,
8 the director of financial management shall submit a caseload
9 forecast report to the chairs of the appropriate legislative
10 committees. The report shall contain for each caseload in section
11 1 of this act:

12 (a) A caseload forecast for the current biennium, and the
13 ensuing biennium if appropriate;

14 (b) The methods, assumptions, and policy or program changes
15 upon which each caseload forecast is based; and

16 (c) The fiscal impact of each caseload forecast for each
17 fiscal year.

18 (2) The office of financial management may update a caseload
19 forecast when actual caseload deviates significantly from the
20 forecast. The office of financial management shall meet with the
21 caseload forecast workgroup whenever a caseload forecast is
22 updated.

23 NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. A new section is added to chapter 43.88
24 RCW to read as follows:

1 (1) To promote the free flow of information and legislative
2 review of caseload forecasts, the caseload forecast workgroup is
3 hereby created. The caseload forecast workgroup shall consist of
4 one staff person selected by the executive head or chairperson of
5 each of the following committees or agencies:

6 (a) The ways and means committee of the senate;

7 (b) The fiscal committees of the house of representatives;

8 (c) Other legislative committees determined to be appropriate
9 by the majority leader of the senate and the speaker of the house
10 of representatives;

11 (d) The office of financial management;

12 (e) The department of social and health services, the
13 department of corrections, the higher education coordinating board,
14 the state board for community college education, the superintendent
15 of public instruction, and other agencies determined to be
16 appropriate by the director of financial management.

17 (2) The caseload forecast workgroup shall provide technical
18 support to the office of financial management in determining
19 caseloads. Meetings of the caseload forecast workgroup may be
20 called by any member of the group for the purpose of assisting the
21 office of financial management, reviewing caseload forecasts, or
22 for any other purpose which may assist in the caseload forecast
23 process.

24 NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. This act is necessary for the immediate
25 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of

1 the state government and its existing institutions, and shall take
2 effect July 1, 1991."

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5 On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "matters;" strike the
6 remainder of the title and insert "adding new sections to chapter
7 43.88 RCW; and declaring an emergency."

EFFECT: Deletes change from the economic and revenue forecast council to the economic, revenue and caseload forecast council. Creates a caseload forecast workgroup to assist OFM with caseload forecasting. Requires OFM to submit caseload forecasts in November and February or March of each year to the chairpersons of appropriate legislative committees.