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1 AN ACT Relating to metropolitan municipal corporations; adding new
2 sections to chapter 36.56 RCW; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 36.56 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 As an alternative to the procedure set forth in RCW 36.56.040, the
7 county legislative authority in any county with a population of one
8 million or more, after notice and public hearing as required by RCW
9 36.56.020 and 36.56.030, may by ordinance or resolution assume the
10 rights, powers, functions, and obligations of the metropolitan
11 municipal corporations. Upon enactment of the ordinance or resolution,
12 the county is vested with every right, power, function, and obligation
13 currently granted to or possessed by the metropolitan municipal
14 corporation, the metropolitan council established under RCW 35.58.120

1 through 35.58.160 is abolished, the provisions of RCW 35.58.120 through
2 35.58.160 are inapplicable to the county, and the county legislative
3 authority is vested with all rights, powers, duties, and obligations
4 otherwise vested by law in the metropolitan council. For a county with
5 a home rule charter, the rights, powers, duties, and obligations of a
6 metropolitan municipal corporation assumed under this section vest in
7 accordance with the executive and legislative responsibilities defined
8 in the charter.

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 36.56 RCW
10 to read as follows:

11 A county that has assumed the functions of a metropolitan municipal
12 corporation under section 1 of this act shall comply with all
13 provisions of this chapter other than those set forth in RCW 36.56.040,
14 and in addition shall:

15 (1) Establish two or more intergovernmental committees to review
16 and recommend to the county legislative authority the county-wide
17 comprehensive policy plan and those elements of other plans which under
18 state law are effective in both unincorporated and incorporated areas.
19 The committee shall include members representing units of local and
20 regional government, including, but not limited to, special purpose
21 districts, cities, and the county;

22 (2) Establish a transition committee to advise the county
23 legislative authority on issues relating to the transition to county
24 performance of metropolitan municipal functions. The transition
25 committee shall include members representing cities, special purpose
26 districts, and citizens with interest and expertise in metropolitan
27 municipal functions and public administration;

28 (3) Ensure that revenues and expenditures authorized by state law
29 solely for metropolitan municipal corporation purposes are preserved

1 and accounted for separate from other county funds and expended solely
2 for purposes authorized by chapter 35.58 RCW or as otherwise provided
3 by state or federal law;

4 (4) Preserve for a period of two years from the effective date of
5 the assumption of metropolitan municipal functions by the county the
6 existing internal administrative structure of the metropolitan
7 municipal corporation; and

8 (5) Conduct a process for consultation with citizens of
9 unincorporated areas of the county to analyze issues of governance for
10 such areas and report to the legislature and the governor regarding any
11 necessary proposed legislation to implement the conclusions of the
12 process within one year from the effective date of the assumption of
13 metropolitan municipal functions by the county.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act is necessary for the immediate
15 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
16 state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take
17 effect immediately.