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By Senate Committee on Government Operations (originally sponsored by Senators Winsley, Sheldon, Haugen, Hale, Snyder, Wood, McAuliffe, Finkbeiner, Bauer, Rinehart, Pelz, Franklin, Smith, Drew, Sutherland and Rasmussen)

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1 AN ACT Relating to local permit assistance; adding a new section to  
2 chapter 36.70B RCW; adding a new section to chapter 43.110 RCW; and  
3 adding a new section to chapter 43.330 RCW.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 36.70B RCW  
6 to read as follows:

7 (1) Each county and city having populations of ten thousand or more  
8 that plan under RCW 36.70A.040 shall designate permit assistance staff  
9 whose function it is to assist permit applicants. An existing employee  
10 may be designated as the permit assistance staff.

11 (2) Permit assistance staff designated under this section shall:

12 (a) Make available to permit applicants all current local  
13 government regulations and adopted policies that apply to the subject  
14 application. The local government shall provide counter copies thereof  
15 and, upon request, provide copies according to chapter 42.17 RCW. The  
16 staff shall also publish and keep current one or more handouts  
17 containing lists and explanations of all local government regulations  
18 and adopted policies;

1 (b) Establish and make known to the public the means of obtaining  
2 the handouts and related information; and

3 (c) Provide assistance regarding the application of the local  
4 government's regulations in particular cases.

5 (3) Permit assistance staff designated under this section may  
6 obtain technical assistance and support in the compilation and  
7 production of the handouts under subsection (2) of this section from  
8 the municipal research council and the department of community, trade,  
9 and economic development.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 43.110 RCW  
11 to read as follows:

12 The municipal research council shall provide technical assistance  
13 in the compilation of and support in the production of the handouts to  
14 be published and kept current by counties and cities under section 1 of  
15 this act.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 43.330 RCW  
17 to read as follows:

18 The department shall provide technical assistance in the  
19 compilation of and support in the production of the handouts to be  
20 published and kept current by counties and cities under section 1 of  
21 this act.

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