
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5521

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By Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senator Haugen)

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1 AN ACT Relating to county research services; amending RCW
2 43.110.010, 43.110.030, 82.08.170, and 43.88.114; adding a new section
3 to chapter 43.110 RCW; providing an effective date; and declaring an
4 emergency.

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

6 **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.110.010 and 1990 c 104 s 1 are each amended to read
7 as follows:

8 There shall be a state agency which shall be known as the municipal
9 research council. The council shall be composed of ~~((eighteen))~~
10 nineteen members. ~~((Four))~~ Two members shall be appointed by the
11 president of the senate, with equal representation from each of the two
12 major political parties; ~~((four))~~ two members shall be appointed by the
13 speaker of the house of representatives, with equal representation from
14 each of the two major political parties; one member shall be appointed
15 by the governor independently; ~~((and the other))~~ nine members, who
16 shall be city or town officials, shall be appointed by the governor
17 from a list of nine nominees submitted by the board of directors of the
18 association of Washington cities; and five members, who shall be county
19 officials, shall be appointed by the governor, two of whom shall be

1 from a list of two nominees submitted by the board of directors of the
2 Washington association of county officials, and three of whom shall be
3 from a list of three nominees submitted by the board of directors of
4 the Washington state association of counties. Of the ~~((members~~
5 ~~appointed by the association))~~ city or town officials, at least one
6 shall be an official of a city having a population of twenty thousand
7 or more; at least one shall be an official of a city having a
8 population of one thousand five hundred to twenty thousand; and at
9 least one shall be an official of a town having a population of less
10 than one thousand five hundred.

11 The terms of members shall be for two years ~~((and shall not))~~. The
12 terms of those members who are appointed as legislators or city, town,
13 or county officials shall be dependent upon continuance in legislative
14 ~~((or))~~ city, town, or county office. The terms of all members except
15 legislative members shall commence on the first day of August in every
16 odd-numbered year. The speaker of the house of representatives and the
17 president of the senate shall make their appointments on or before the
18 third Monday in January in each odd-numbered year, and the terms of the
19 members thus appointed shall commence on the third Monday of January in
20 each odd-numbered year.

21 Council members shall receive no compensation but shall be
22 reimbursed for travel expenses at rates in accordance with RCW
23 43.03.050 and 43.03.060 as now existing or hereafter amended, except
24 that members of the council who are also members of the legislature
25 shall be reimbursed at the rates provided by RCW 44.04.120.

26 **Sec. 2.** RCW 43.110.030 and 1990 c 104 s 2 are each amended to read
27 as follows:

28 The municipal research council shall contract for the provision of
29 municipal research and services to cities ~~((and))~~ towns, and counties.
30 Contracts for municipal research and services shall be made with state
31 agencies, educational institutions, or private consulting firms, that
32 in the judgment of council members are qualified to provide such
33 research and services. Contracts for staff support may be made with
34 state agencies, educational institutions, or private consulting firms
35 that in the judgment of the council members are qualified to provide
36 such support.

37 Municipal research and services shall consist of: (1) Studying and
38 researching ~~((municipal))~~ city, town, and county government and issues

1 relating to (~~municipal~~) city, town, and county government; (2)
2 acquiring, preparing, and distributing publications related to
3 (~~municipal~~) city, town, and county government and issues relating to
4 (~~municipal~~) city, town, and county government; (3) providing
5 educational conferences relating to (~~municipal~~) city, town, and
6 county government and issues relating to (~~municipal~~) city, town, and
7 county government; and (4) furnishing legal, technical, consultative,
8 and field services to cities (~~and~~), towns, and counties concerning
9 planning, public health, utility services, fire protection, law
10 enforcement, public works, and other issues relating to (~~municipal~~)
11 city, town, and county government. Requests for legal services by
12 county officials shall be sent to the office of the county prosecuting
13 attorney. Responses by the municipal research council to county
14 requests for legal services shall be provided to the requesting
15 official and the county prosecuting attorney.

16 The activities, programs, and services of the municipal research
17 council shall be carried on, and all expenditures shall be made, in
18 cooperation with the cities and towns of the state acting through the
19 board of directors of the association of Washington cities, which is
20 recognized as their official agency or instrumentality, and in
21 cooperation with counties of the state acting through the Washington
22 state association of counties. Services to cities and towns shall be
23 based upon the moneys appropriated to the municipal research council
24 under RCW 82.44.160. Services to counties shall be based upon the
25 moneys appropriated to the municipal research council from the county
26 research services account under section 3 of this act.

27 NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. A new section is added to chapter 43.110 RCW
28 to read as follows:

29 A special account is created in the state treasury to be known as
30 the county research services account. The account shall consist of all
31 money transferred to the account under RCW 82.08.170 or otherwise
32 transferred or appropriated to the account by the legislature. Moneys
33 in the account may be spent only after appropriation. The account is
34 subject to the allotment process under chapter 43.88 RCW.

35 Moneys in the county research services account may be expended only
36 to finance the costs of county research.

1 **Sec. 4.** RCW 82.08.170 and 1983 c 3 s 215 are each amended to read
2 as follows:

3 (~~On the first day of~~) (1) During the months of January, April,
4 July and October of each year, the state treasurer shall make the
5 apportionment and distribution of all moneys in the liquor excise tax
6 fund to the counties, cities and towns in the following proportions:
7 Twenty percent of the moneys in said liquor excise tax fund shall be
8 divided among and distributed to the counties of the state in
9 accordance with the provisions of RCW 66.08.200; eighty percent of the
10 moneys in said liquor excise tax fund shall be divided among and
11 distributed to the cities and towns of the state in accordance with the
12 provisions of RCW 66.08.210.

13 (2) Each fiscal quarter and prior to making the twenty percent
14 distribution to counties under subsection (1) of this section, the
15 treasurer shall transfer to the county research services account under
16 section 3 of this act sufficient moneys that, when combined with any
17 cash balance in the account, will fund the allotments from any
18 legislative appropriations from the county research services account.

19 **Sec. 5.** RCW 43.88.114 and 1983 c 22 s 2 are each amended to read
20 as follows:

21 Appropriations of funds to the municipal research council from
22 motor vehicle excise taxes shall not be subject to allotment by the
23 office of financial management.

24 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** This act is necessary for the immediate
25 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
26 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect
27 July 1, 1997.

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