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5 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
6 following:

7 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 43.330
8 RCW to read as follows:

9 Counties may submit a petition for relief to the office of public
10 defense for reimbursement of extraordinary criminal justice costs.
11 Extraordinary criminal justice costs are defined as those associated
12 with investigation, prosecution, indigent defense, jury impanelment,
13 expert witnesses, interpreters, incarceration, and other adjudication
14 costs of aggravated murder cases.

15 (1) The office of public defense, in consultation with the
16 Washington association of prosecuting attorneys and the Washington
17 association of sheriffs and police chiefs, shall develop procedures for
18 processing the petitions, for auditing the veracity of the petitions,
19 and for prioritizing the petitions. Prioritization of the petitions
20 shall be based on, but not limited to, such factors as disproportionate
21 fiscal impact relative to the county budget, efficient use of
22 resources, and whether the costs are extraordinary and could not be
23 reasonably accommodated and anticipated in the normal budget process.

24 (2) Before January 1st of each year, the office of public defense,
25 in consultation with the Washington association of prosecuting
26 attorneys and the Washington association of sheriffs and police chiefs,
27 shall develop and submit to the appropriate fiscal committees of the
28 senate and house of representatives a prioritized list of submitted
29 petitions that are recommended for funding by the legislature."

30 Renumber the sections consecutively and correct any internal
31 references accordingly.

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4 On page 1, on line 1 of the title, after "adding", strike "new
5 sections" and insert "a new section"

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