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4 By Senator Prentice

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6 On page 10, after line 21, insert the following:

7 "Sec. 108. RCW 43.31.855 and 1997 c 377 s 1 are each amended to  
8 read as follows:

9 (1) The Washington state rural development council is established  
10 and governed by an executive committee consisting of eleven members,  
11 appointed by the governor. The members will include representatives  
12 from the following categories: Business; natural resources;  
13 agriculture; environment; economic development; education; health;  
14 human services; counties; cities; and tribal governments.

15 (2) New members of the executive committee are appointed for terms  
16 of three years from the current membership list of the rural  
17 development council, as much as possible. Committee members should be  
18 people who either live, work, or provide direct services in rural  
19 areas. Committee membership must consist of no less than ninety  
20 percent of the members living in a rural area. As a transition  
21 strategy for the council, four representatives (business, counties,  
22 health, agriculture) will be appointed in 1997, four (human services,  
23 natural resources, cities, environment) in 1998, and three (economic  
24 development, tribal government, education) in 1999. The new council  
25 will be fully formed in 1999.

26 (3) The governor may make appointments from a list of candidates  
27 generated by the executive committee. The executive committee shall  
28 generate a list of at least three but not more than six candidates from  
29 recommendations from state-wide associations. The list of candidates  
30 for the county representative shall be generated by the Washington  
31 state association of counties. The list of candidates for the city  
32 representative shall be generated by the association of Washington  
33 cities. In making appointments, the governor shall consider an  
34 equitable geographic distribution.

35 (4) Members of the Washington state rural development council shall  
36 receive no compensation for their services, but shall be eligible to

1 receive reimbursement for travel expenses as provided in RCW 43.03.050  
2 and 43.03.060.

3 (5) The department (~~(of community, trade, and economic~~  
4 ~~development)~~) may provide staff support, administrative assistance, and  
5 office space to the council as available.

6 (6) The Washington state rural development council executive  
7 committee is authorized to establish operating procedures, policies,  
8 and bylaws, and appoint committees. In addition, the executive  
9 committee is responsible for hiring, evaluating, and if necessary,  
10 firing the (~~execute [executive]~~) executive director according to  
11 state policies and rules.

12 (7) The Washington state rural development council is directed to:  
13 Inform legislators, the governor's office, state agencies, and federal  
14 agencies about the rural perspective on community development issues;  
15 identify and in some cases develop recommended improvements to existing  
16 resource delivery systems; and serve as a liaison or intermediary  
17 between rural communities and public and private resource providers.  
18 The council's mission is to improve the delivery and accessibility of  
19 public and private resources to meet the needs of rural communities.

20 (8) This section expires June 30, 2003.

21 **Sec. 109.** RCW 43.31.857 and 1997 c 377 s 2 are each amended to  
22 read as follows:

23 (1) The legislature encourages state agencies to contribute  
24 financially to the rural development council. In addition to the  
25 United States department of agriculture and the (~~(state)~~) department  
26 (~~(of community, trade, and economic development)~~), all state agencies,  
27 federal agencies, and state-wide associations that make a significant  
28 financial contribution to the rural development council shall be ex  
29 officio members. In particular, state agencies serving rural areas,  
30 including the departments of agriculture, fish and wildlife, ecology,  
31 employment security, health, natural resources, social and health  
32 services, and transportation, and the utilities and transportation  
33 commission, are encouraged to contribute financially. Financial  
34 contributions from state agencies along with those from the private  
35 sector and state-wide associations will enable the rural development  
36 council to leverage federal funds at a three-to-one ratio annually.

37 (2) This section expires June 30, 2003."

1       Renumber the remaining sections consecutively and correct any  
2 internal references accordingly.

3       Beginning on page 33, line 31, strike all of sections 221 and 222

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5 internal references accordingly.

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9       On page 1, line 3 of the title, after "43.330.135," insert  
10 "43.31.855, 43.31.857,"

11       On page 1, beginning on line 8 of the title, after "43.31.840,"  
12 strike "43.31.855, 43.31.857,"

EFFECT: Clarifies that the department of community development  
will provide staff support, administrative assistance, and office space  
to the rural development council.

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