

2 HB 2344 - S COMM AMD
3 By Committee on Ways & Means

4 ADOPTED 2/29/00

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

7 "Sec. 1. RCW 43.88C.010 and 1997 c 168 s 1 are each amended to
8 read as follows:

9 (1) The caseload forecast council is hereby created. The council
10 shall consist of two individuals appointed by the governor and four
11 individuals, one of whom is appointed by the chairperson of each of the
12 two largest political caucuses in the senate and house of
13 representatives. The chair of the council shall be selected from among
14 the four caucus appointees. The council may select such other officers
15 as the members deem necessary.

16 (2) The council shall employ a caseload forecast supervisor to
17 supervise the preparation of all caseload forecasts. As used in this
18 chapter, "supervisor" means the caseload forecast supervisor.

19 (3) Approval by an affirmative vote of at least five members of the
20 council is required for any decisions regarding employment of the
21 supervisor. Employment of the supervisor shall terminate after each
22 term of three years. At the end of the first year of each three-year
23 term the council shall consider extension of the supervisor's term by
24 one year. The council may fix the compensation of the supervisor. The
25 supervisor shall employ staff sufficient to accomplish the purposes of
26 this section.

27 (4) The caseload forecast council shall oversee the preparation of
28 and approve, by an affirmative vote of at least four members, the
29 official state caseload forecasts prepared under RCW 43.88C.020. If
30 the council is unable to approve a forecast before a date required in
31 RCW 43.88C.020, the supervisor shall submit the forecast without
32 approval and the forecast shall have the same effect as if approved by
33 the council.

34 (5) A council member who does not cast an affirmative vote for
35 approval of the official caseload forecast may request, and the

1 supervisor shall provide, an alternative forecast based on assumptions
2 specified by the member.

3 (6) Members of the caseload forecast council shall serve without
4 additional compensation but shall be reimbursed for travel expenses in
5 accordance with RCW 44.04.120 while attending sessions of the council
6 or on official business authorized by the council. Nonlegislative
7 members of the council shall be reimbursed for travel expenses in
8 accordance with RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.

9 (7) "Caseload," as used in this chapter, means the number of
10 persons expected to meet entitlement requirements and require the
11 services of public assistance programs, state correctional
12 institutions, state correctional noninstitutional supervision, state
13 institutions for juvenile offenders, the common school system, long-
14 term care, medical assistance, foster care, and adoption support.

15 (8) Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions
16 provided in RCW 43.88.020 apply to this chapter.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** This act takes effect July 1, 2000."

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21 On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "forecasting;" strike the
22 remainder of the title and insert "amending RCW 43.88C.010; and
23 providing an effective date."

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