

2 SHJM 4018 - S COMM AMD

3 By Committee on State & Local Government

4

5 Beginning on page 1, line 1, strike all material through
6 "Washington." on page 2, line 22, and insert the following:

7 "TO THE HONORABLE GARY LOCKE, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

8 We, your Memorialists, the Senate and House of Representatives of
9 the State of Washington, in legislative session assembled, respectfully
10 represent and petition as follows:

11 WHEREAS, Local governments have experienced and may continue to
12 experience significant budget impacts from the passage of Chapter 1,
13 Laws of 2000 (Initiative Measure No. 695); and

14 WHEREAS, As a result of Chapter 1, Laws of 2000 (Initiative Measure
15 No. 695), local governments are reviewing their budgets, establishing
16 priorities, and identifying costs of local government services and
17 programs; and

18 WHEREAS, Chapter 2, Laws of 1994 (Initiative Measure No. 601)
19 required the state to consider the costs imposed on local governments
20 by laws requiring new programs and increased levels of service; and

21 WHEREAS, Rules adopted by state agencies may create substantial
22 costs for local governments; and

23 WHEREAS, It is in the best interests of local governments and the
24 state to mitigate the financial impacts of rules adopted by state
25 agencies for a sufficient period to allow local governments to develop
26 strategies to comply with the requirements of Chapter 1, Laws of 2000
27 (Initiative Measure No. 695).

28 NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully pray that the
29 Governor immediately issue an executive order requiring state agencies
30 to: (1) Examine the impacts of all proposed rules to determine if they
31 will result in increased costs for local governments; (2) notify
32 associations of local governments of proposed rules affecting their
33 membership if it is determined that the rules will result in increased
34 costs or added administrative burdens for local governments; (3)
35 utilize rule development processes as required by law as specified in
36 chapter 34.05 RCW, the administrative procedure act, to mitigate cost
37 impacts of proposed rules on local governments; (4) ensure that

1 adoption of new rules and rule amendments is consistent with the
2 principles and requirements of the governor's executive order 97-02,
3 particularly those that emphasize demonstration of need, effectiveness
4 and efficiency, clarity, consistency with legislative intent,
5 coordination with other jurisdictions and partnership with local
6 governments, consideration of cost, and fairness; and (5) utilize rule
7 development mechanisms to ensure that cost impacts are minimized and
8 participation in rule development is maximized. Examples include
9 usability testing of rules and other intensive stakeholder involvement
10 methods.

11 BE IT RESOLVED, That copies of this Memorial be immediately
12 transmitted to the Honorable Gary Locke, Governor of the State of
13 Washington."

--- END ---