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HOUSE BILL 1069

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By Representatives Scott, Mulliken and O'Brien

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1            AN ACT Relating to investigations of multiple deaths; and amending  
2 RCW 43.103.090.

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

4            **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.103.090 and 1995 c 398 s 8 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6            The council may:

7            (1) Meet at such times and places as may be designated by a  
8 majority vote of the council members or, if a majority cannot agree, by  
9 the chair;

10           (2) Adopt rules governing the council and the conduct of its  
11 meetings;

12           (3) Require reports from the state toxicologist on matters  
13 pertaining to the toxicology laboratory;

14           (4) Require reports from the chief of the Washington state patrol  
15 on matters pertaining to the crime laboratory;

16           (5) Be actively involved in the preparation of the crime laboratory  
17 and toxicology laboratory budgets and shall approve the crime  
18 laboratory and toxicology laboratory budgets prior to their formal

1 submission to the office of financial management pursuant to RCW  
2 43.88.030;

3 (6) Authorize the expenditure of up to two hundred fifty thousand  
4 dollars per biennium from the death investigations account established  
5 by RCW 43.79.445 for the purpose of assisting local jurisdictions in  
6 the investigation of multiple deaths involving unanticipated,  
7 extraordinary, and catastrophic events, or involving multiple  
8 jurisdictions. The council shall adopt rules consistent with this  
9 subsection for purposes of authorizing expenditure of the funds;

10 (7) Do anything, necessary or convenient, which enables the council  
11 to perform its duties and to exercise its powers;

12 ((+7)) (8) Appoint a toxicologist as state toxicologist to serve  
13 at the pleasure of the council; and

14 ((+8)) (9) Set the salary for the state toxicologist.

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