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HOUSE BILL 2178

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By Representatives Dunn, Koster, Cairnes and Boldt

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1            AN ACT Relating to the commission on declarations of emergency;  
2 adding a new section to chapter 44.04 RCW; and providing an expiration  
3 date.

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

5            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 44.04 RCW  
6 to read as follows:

7            (1) The commission on declarations of emergency is created  
8 consisting of six members, as follows: (a) Two members from the house  
9 of representatives, one from each major political caucus, selected by  
10 the speaker of the house of representatives; (b) two members from the  
11 senate, one from each major political caucus, selected by the president  
12 of the senate; (c) one member who has knowledge of the use of emergency  
13 powers, selected by the speaker of the house of representatives; and  
14 (d) one member who has knowledge of the use of emergency powers,  
15 selected by the president of the senate.

16            (2) On or before December 1st of each year, the commission shall  
17 prepare and transmit a report to the legislature on the exercise of  
18 emergency powers by state agencies, employees, and officials and shall  
19 recommend legislation necessary to terminate these emergency powers.

1 (3) This section expires January 1, 2004.

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