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By Representatives Huff, McIntire, Linville, Alexander, Kenney and Parlette; by request of Caseload Forecast Council

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1 AN ACT Relating to community corrections caseload forecasting;  
2 amending RCW 43.88C.010; creating a new section; and providing an  
3 effective date.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.88C.010 and 1997 c 168 s 1 are each amended to read  
6 as follows:

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

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

17 (3) Approval by an affirmative vote of at least five members of the  
18 council is required for any decisions regarding employment of the  
19 supervisor. Employment of the supervisor shall terminate after each

1 term of three years. At the end of the first year of each three-year  
2 term the council shall consider extension of the supervisor's term by  
3 one year. The council may fix the compensation of the supervisor. The  
4 supervisor shall employ staff sufficient to accomplish the purposes of  
5 this section.

6 (4) The caseload forecast council shall oversee the preparation of  
7 and approve, by an affirmative vote of at least four members, the  
8 official state caseload forecasts prepared under RCW 43.88C.020. If  
9 the council is unable to approve a forecast before a date required in  
10 RCW 43.88C.020, the supervisor shall submit the forecast without  
11 approval and the forecast shall have the same effect as if approved by  
12 the council.

13 (5) A council member who does not cast an affirmative vote for  
14 approval of the official caseload forecast may request, and the  
15 supervisor shall provide, an alternative forecast based on assumptions  
16 specified by the member.

17 (6) Members of the caseload forecast council shall serve without  
18 additional compensation but shall be reimbursed for travel expenses in  
19 accordance with RCW 44.04.120 while attending sessions of the council  
20 or on official business authorized by the council. Nonlegislative  
21 members of the council shall be reimbursed for travel expenses in  
22 accordance with RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.

23 (7) "Caseload," as used in this chapter, means the number of  
24 persons expected to meet entitlement requirements and require the  
25 services of public assistance programs, state correctional  
26 institutions, state correctional noninstitutional supervision, state  
27 institutions for juvenile offenders, the common school system, long-  
28 term care, medical assistance, foster care, and adoption support.

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

31 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** If specific funding for the purposes of this  
32 act, referencing this act by bill or chapter number, is not provided by  
33 June 30, 2000, in the omnibus appropriations act, this act is null and  
34 void.

35 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act takes effect July 1, 2000.

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