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**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5400**

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**By** Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Haugen, Loveland, Honeyford, Patterson, Horn and Costa)

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1 AN ACT Relating to distributions to the municipal research council;  
2 amending RCW 82.44.160; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 82.44.160 and 1995 c 28 s 1 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6 Before distributing moneys to the cities and towns from the  
7 (~~general fund~~) city police and fire protection assistance account, as  
8 provided in RCW 82.44.155, and from the municipal sales and use tax  
9 equalization account, as provided in RCW 82.14.210, the state treasurer  
10 shall, on the first day of July of each year, make an annual deduction  
11 therefrom of a sum equal to one-half of the biennial appropriation made  
12 pursuant to this section, which amount shall be at least seven cents  
13 per capita of the population of all cities or towns as legally  
14 certified on that date, determined as provided in RCW 82.44.150, which  
15 sum shall be apportioned and transmitted to the municipal research  
16 council, herein created. Sixty-five percent of the annual deduction  
17 shall be from the distribution to cities and towns under RCW 82.44.155,  
18 and thirty-five percent of the annual deduction shall be from the  
19 distribution to the municipal sales and use tax equalization account

1 under RCW 82.14.210. The municipal research council may contract with  
2 and allocate moneys to any state agency, educational institution, or  
3 private consulting firm, which in its judgment is qualified to carry on  
4 a municipal research and service program. Moneys may be utilized to  
5 match federal funds available for technical research and service  
6 programs to cities and towns. Moneys allocated shall be used for  
7 studies and research in municipal government, publications,  
8 educational, conferences, and attendance thereat, and in furnishing  
9 technical, consultative, and field services to cities and towns in  
10 problems relating to planning, public health, municipal sanitation,  
11 fire protection, law enforcement, postwar improvements, and public  
12 works, and in all matters relating to city and town government. The  
13 programs shall be carried on and all expenditures shall be made in  
14 cooperation with the cities and towns of the state acting through the  
15 Association of Washington Cities by its board of directors which is  
16 hereby recognized as their official agency or instrumentality.

17 Funds (~~appropriated to the municipal research council~~) deducted  
18 under this section shall be (~~kept~~) deposited in the treasury in the  
19 general fund, and shall be disbursed by warrant or check to contracting  
20 parties on invoices or vouchers certified by the chair of the municipal  
21 research council or his or her designee. Payments to public agencies  
22 may be made in advance of actual work contracted for, in the discretion  
23 of the council.

24 Sixty-five percent of any moneys remaining unexpended or  
25 uncontracted for by the municipal research council at the end of any  
26 fiscal biennium shall be returned to the (~~general fund~~) city police  
27 and fire protection assistance account and be paid to cities and towns  
28 under RCW 82.44.155. The remaining thirty-five percent shall be  
29 deposited into the municipal sales and use tax equalization account.

30 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** This act is necessary for the immediate  
31 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the  
32 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect  
33 immediately.

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