

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2392

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56th Legislature
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JOINT TASK FORCE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

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Passed by the House March 9, 2000
Yeas 98 Nays 0

CLYDE BALLARD
Speaker of the House of Representatives

FRANK CHOPP
Speaker of the House of Representatives

Passed by the Senate March 8, 2000
Yeas 45 Nays 0

BRAD OWEN
President of the Senate

Approved March 31, 2000

GARY LOCKE
Governor of the State of Washington

CERTIFICATE

We, Timothy A. Martin and Cynthia Zehnder, Co-Chief Clerks of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2392** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

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Chief Clerk

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**Secretary of State
State of Washington**

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AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

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By House Committee on Local Government (originally sponsored by Representatives Doumit, Mulliken, Scott, Mielke, Miloscia, Hatfield, Fortunato, Fisher, Kenney, Edwards and Wolfe)

Read first time 02/03/2000. Referred to Committee on .

1 AN ACT Relating to the funding and delivery of local government
2 services; creating new sections; and providing an expiration date.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that while government
5 services are provided to the citizens of the state of Washington
6 through many mechanisms, the most prevalent delivery of services occurs
7 through city, county, or state government actions. Increased demand
8 for these services and limited revenue to meet those services have led
9 to unproductive competition between cities, counties, and the state for
10 the revenue that is collected and shared between cities, counties, and
11 the state.

12 Therefore, the legislature finds that there is a need to evaluate
13 the delivery of government services, the allotment of revenues, and the
14 collection and distribution of various fines and forfeitures through
15 the establishment of a joint task force on local governments.

16 The legislature further finds that rules adopted by state agencies
17 cause local governments to allocate funds to meet those rules that are
18 not fully funded at the state level.

1 The legislature further finds that the state must recognize the
2 costs to local governments of rules adopted by state agencies and
3 mitigate the financial impacts of those rules for a significant period
4 to allow local governments to develop strategies to comply with the
5 requirements of Initiative Measure No. 695.

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) The joint task force on local
7 governments is created, to consist of seventeen members including:

8 (a) The following four members of the house of representatives or
9 their designees: (i) The chair and ranking minority member or the
10 cochair of the committee on appropriations; and (ii) the chair and
11 ranking minority member or the cochair of the committee on local
12 government;

13 (b) The following four members of the senate or their designees:
14 (i) The chair and the ranking minority member of the committee on ways
15 and means; and (ii) the chair and ranking minority member of the
16 committee on state and local government;

17 (c) One member from the office of the governor;

18 (d) Four members from the association of Washington cities;

19 (e) Two members from the Washington state association of counties;
20 and

21 (f) Two members from the Washington association of county
22 officials.

23 (2) The nonlegislative members of the task force shall serve
24 without compensation, but will be reimbursed for travel expenses as
25 provided in RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060. Legislative members of the
26 task force will be reimbursed for travel expenses as provided in RCW
27 44.04.120. The staff of senate committee services and the office of
28 program research of the house of representatives shall provide support
29 to the task force.

30 (3) The task force must be cochaired by one senator, chosen by the
31 task force, and one state representative, chosen by the task force,
32 from opposite political parties. The cochair shall appoint experts
33 and advisors as nonvoting members of the task force to provide
34 information on various subjects, including but not limited to special
35 purpose districts and public employee unions. The task force shall
36 establish rules of procedure at its first meeting.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The joint task force on local governments
2 shall:

3 (1) Complete a thorough study of the delivery of government
4 services, allotment of revenues, and collection and distribution of
5 various fines and forfeitures; and

6 (2) Commence the study by July 1, 2000, present an interim report
7 of its findings and any recommendations to the legislature by January
8 30, 2001, and present a final report, including proposed legislation,
9 addressing its recommendations to the legislature by January 1, 2002.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** This act expires March 30, 2002.

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Passed the Senate March 8, 2000.

Approved by the Governor March 31, 2000.

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