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1            AN ACT Relating to forecasting caseloads; and amending RCW  
2 43.88C.010.

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

4            **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.88C.010 and 2000 c 90 s 1 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

17 (6) Members of the caseload forecast council shall serve  
18 without additional compensation but shall be reimbursed for travel  
19 expenses in accordance with RCW 44.04.120 while attending sessions  
20 of the council or on official business authorized by the council.  
21 Nonlegislative members of the council shall be reimbursed for  
22 travel expenses in 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,  
27 state institutions for juvenile offenders, the common school  
28 system, long-term care, developmental disabilities, medical  
29 assistance, foster care, and adoption support.

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

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