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1            AN ACT Relating to establishing the office of citizen councilor;  
2 and adding new sections to chapter 43.09 RCW.

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

4            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that:

5            (1) Freedom of speech, freedom of petition, and freedom of assembly  
6 are hollow rights if people feel unable to be heard.

7            (2) Freedom to be heard is not mentioned in the United States  
8 Constitution and thus is a right reserved to the people under the ninth  
9 amendment.

10           (3) The accounting profession has fully developed financial audits  
11 of tangible accounting for fraud but has not yet developed ways to  
12 measure intangible accounting of human assets such as the esprit de  
13 corps and stakeholder interests and concerns of citizens in their  
14 various roles as taxpayers, clients, patients, consumers, workers, and  
15 constituent members of organizations.

16           (4) The economic collapse of Enron and WorldCom and other similar  
17 economic experiences demonstrate that there is a need in society to  
18 continue to develop intangible accounting procedures of "compliance  
19 audits" and "performance audits," now performed by the state auditor,

1 and to develop new "social audits" and "internal audits" of intangible  
2 accounting assets to allow all interested citizens to participate in  
3 the legitimating of the free enterprise system and its economic and  
4 political institutions.

5 (5) The forum foundation is a nonprofit, educational research  
6 corporation of Washington state organized in 1970 to improve the  
7 functioning of organizations and society based on futures research and  
8 administrative theory conducted at the University of Washington from  
9 1968-70, continued at the church council of greater Seattle from 1971-  
10 90, recognized partially by 1993 Senate Resolution No. 8636 and fully  
11 documented in the book *The Leadership of Civilization Building*  
12 *(Administrative and Civilization Theory, Symbolic Dialogue, and Citizen*  
13 *Skills for the 21st Century)* by Richard J. Spady and Richard S. Kirby  
14 in collaboration with Cecil H. Bell, Jr.), 2002, available in Seattle,  
15 King County, University of Washington libraries and University and  
16 Elliott Bay bookstores, Seattle, and the Cokesbury bookstore in  
17 Kirkland.

18 (6) There is a need to create a citizen councilor network of small  
19 discussion groups, open to all citizens, self-funded, and using  
20 symbolic and sustainable dialogue to communicate among political and  
21 economic leaders and the people at large.

22 (7) Governments have been unable to discuss the merits of citizen  
23 participation and zeitgeist communication in a substantive manner to  
24 this date.

25 (8) The passage of Initiative Measure No. 695 in 1999, Initiative  
26 Measure No. 776 in 2002, and the defeat of Referendum Measure No. 53 in  
27 2002 are social indicators that governments, business, media, and  
28 community organizations need improved listening skills in order to  
29 substitute human responsibility for futile strife and hatreds.

30 (9) The governor has a constitutional responsibility to administer  
31 state affairs, the legislature has a constitutional responsibility to  
32 enact legislation in the state, and citizens have a political right to  
33 be heard and enabled to participate viably with their opinions in their  
34 organizations, institutions, and governments in the state in a process  
35 of building social capital through both bonding and bridging dialogue  
36 and improving community mental health and happiness, one of the goals  
37 of all governments, for "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness."

1 (10) The Washington state auditor has a constitutional  
2 responsibility and independently serves the citizens of Washington by  
3 promoting accountability, fiscal integrity, and openness in state and  
4 local government. The approach of an auditor's work is constantly  
5 professionally evolving through new administrative theories involving  
6 the use of new symbolic dialogue, in social audits and internal audits  
7 of intangible human assets along with regular financial, compliance,  
8 and performance audits as done in Washington and other states.  
9 Furthermore, in working with these governments in partnerships, the  
10 auditor strives to ensure the proper use of public resources to enable  
11 its citizens to more clearly envision their future in the theme,  
12 "Washington, an inspirational state in pursuit of happiness!"

13 (11) More than two thousand four hundred local governments of  
14 thirty-three different types and one hundred sixty-eight state  
15 agencies, colleges, universities, boards, and commissions are  
16 administered and audited for fiscal accountability of roughly eighty-  
17 four billion dollars annually. Furthermore, as relationships are in  
18 partnerships with governments, the state auditor reports are  
19 constructive management tools for them to use.

20 (12) Accountability is a goal both of administration and auditing,  
21 but accountability is fundamental to the work of the state auditor as  
22 audits touch heavily on legal compliance with state laws and rules and  
23 governmental entities' own policies and ordinances.

24 (13) Similar experiences in other states including Texas, Colorado,  
25 Oregon, and Utah have been positive to create a public forum to restore  
26 citizens' trust in their governments, expand social capital, and  
27 improve community mental health.

28 (14) Washington has long been recognized as a precursor state in  
29 social and economic innovation. It was the only state that emerged  
30 from the national bicentennial celebration in 1976 to use the last of  
31 its resources from royalties to fund ongoing programs in citizen  
32 participation. Washington was able to discern that it was not quite  
33 volunteerism they were after in the statement: "Give me your body,  
34 your hands, your time." Rather Washington was more interested in the  
35 theme, "give me your mind," which was significantly different.  
36 Furthermore, our nation is now on the verge of major discoveries in  
37 social science and some of the major discoveries have been occurring  
38 here in Washington state and the greater Seattle area by the forum

1 foundation and was recognized as such in 1993 Senate Resolution No.  
2 8636. This recognition has been further augmented by publication in  
3 2002 by the forum foundation of (a) *The Leadership of Civilization*  
4 *Building (Administrative and Civilization Theory, Symbolic Dialogue,*  
5 *and Citizen Skills for the 21st Century)* by Richard J. Spady and  
6 Richard S. Kirby with collaboration of Cecil H. Bell, Jr. of Seattle,  
7 and (b) *Society's Breakthrough! (Releasing Essential Wisdom and Virtue*  
8 *in All the People)* by Jim Rough of Port Townsend, and (c) acceptance of  
9 the fast forum technique by the Washington association of churches to  
10 inaugurate research in a youth religious councilor network.

11 (15) It is natural in our democratic republic that the citizens of  
12 Washington state be invited to participate in its governing processes  
13 within their time and energy levels in the exercise of their political  
14 rights whenever possible and help the governor, legislature, and the  
15 state auditor in their constitutional responsibilities to administer,  
16 legislate, and monitor all governments, public entities, and public  
17 funds.

18 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The legislature recognizes that some  
19 citizens have difficulty accessing political processes that rely on  
20 public hearings held at locations that are often distant or held at  
21 inappropriate times from their residence or workplace. To increase  
22 public participation in the political process, the legislature intends  
23 to establish and support a self-funding pilot process in cooperation  
24 with the state auditor and the secretary of state by which citizens can  
25 receive information about public issues and provide feedback to elected  
26 officials in a convenient, timely manner and local setting.

27 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** (1) The office of citizen councilor is  
28 created in accordance with section 13 of this act. Any citizen  
29 registered to vote, or who lives or works in Washington but is not a  
30 registered voter, who volunteers to act as an official government  
31 advisor may become a citizen councilor on request by sending a letter  
32 to the state auditor or by calling a special toll-free number and  
33 subscribing to a nominal fee as set by the state auditor to recover  
34 substantially the direct costs from citizen participation in the  
35 program. The indirect costs of public officials, university, and  
36 government employee participation to provide information to citizen

1 councilors in their dialogues and deliberations shall be borne by the  
2 government entity or university participating. Citizen councilors  
3 shall act collectively as official advisors or a sounding board for the  
4 governor, the legislature, the state auditor, or other public officials  
5 and agencies such as the department of community, trade, and economic  
6 development on issues of public interest or concern. Conveners of  
7 citizen councilor groups shall be those designated by the citizen  
8 councilor coordinator or deputy citizen councilor coordinator under  
9 sections 7 and 8 of this act from among citizen councilors who  
10 volunteer to host a group. Every effort shall be made to assign  
11 citizen councilors to a group that meets at a convenient time and place  
12 for those participating. Meetings will usually be in small groups  
13 meeting in related resident or work area zip codes.

14 (2) Citizen councilors may participate:

15 (a) In a citizen councilor group of approximately eight to twelve  
16 persons organized by residence or work area zip code with the  
17 assistance of the citizen councilor coordinator;

18 (b) In a citizen councilor organizational group under sections 9  
19 and 10 of this act; or

20 (c) As an individual if the individual is unable to attend meetings  
21 in groups due to age, disability, remote location, or personality  
22 conflict.

23 (3) Citizen councilors will be reassigned a group on request to  
24 assure that their group meeting place, time, and makeup is convenient  
25 and compatible, or the citizen councilor coordinator may make  
26 individual assignments of a councilor when deemed necessary.

27 (4) For the purposes of this section and sections 4 through 13 of  
28 this act, "councilor" means an official advisor to a sovereign or chief  
29 magistrate.

30 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** (1) The state auditor shall prepare by March  
31 1st of each year a citizen councilor network opinionnaire as a social  
32 audit using the fast forum technique as developed by forum foundation  
33 research. This initial opinionnaire shall be based on the state of the  
34 union address of the president of the United States together with a few  
35 "performance audit" questions posed by the state auditor and consist of  
36 four pages of approximately twenty-three to thirty questions. In  
37 addition, legislators from each legislative district may submit to the

1 state auditor by February 1st a list of approximately twenty to twenty-  
2 seven questions to be appended to the state of the union questions for  
3 response of citizen councilors in their own district. The state  
4 auditor may append questions in a district if the legislators of a  
5 district do not do so. If district legislators cannot agree together  
6 on the questions to be submitted, then each senator shall get one-half  
7 the space available as determined by the state auditor and each  
8 representative shall be given one quarter. The state auditor or the  
9 state auditor's representative may edit all questions submitted for  
10 grammar and style with the overall opinionnaire format.

11 (2) The governor may prepare by March 15th of each year a citizen  
12 councilor network opinionnaire to be administered by the state auditor  
13 and using the fast forum technique as developed by forum foundation's  
14 research. The opinionnaire shall be based on the state of the state  
15 address or other concerns of the governor and consist of four pages of  
16 approximately twenty-three to thirty questions with editing by the  
17 state auditor to assure a style consistent with the state of the union  
18 address or typical yes/no, multiple choice, Likert, or end-anchor value  
19 questions used by the fast forum technique. In addition, legislators  
20 from each legislative district may submit to the state auditor by the  
21 end of April a list of approximately twenty to twenty-seven questions  
22 to be appended to the state of the state questions for response of  
23 citizen councilors in their district. The state auditor may append  
24 questions in a district if the legislators of a district do not do so.  
25 If district legislators cannot agree together on the questions to be  
26 submitted, then each senator shall get one-half the space available as  
27 determined by the state auditor and each representative shall be given  
28 one-quarter. The state auditor or the state auditor's representative  
29 may edit all questions submitted for grammar and style with the overall  
30 opinionnaire. If the governor does not prepare a citizen councilor  
31 network opinionnaire by March 15th, the state auditor will convene a  
32 citizen's wisdom council to select the issue or issues for  
33 consideration partially based on concepts in the book *Society's*  
34 *Breakthrough! (Releasing Essential Wisdom and Virtue in All the*  
35 *People)*, 2002, by Jim Rough of Port Townsend in accordance with  
36 sections of this act.

1        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 5.**    (1) On request of the state auditor, the  
2 secretary of state shall select a citizen's wisdom council composed of  
3 twelve statewide registered voters selected randomly by lot using  
4 public lotto-type mechanical drawing procedures to symbolically  
5 represent the people of the state of Washington and ascertain that all  
6 selected are willing to participate and to make random replacements if  
7 necessary.

8        (2) In any event, the state auditor shall convene a citizen's  
9 wisdom council annually and appoint a facilitator to the council who is  
10 experienced in helping diverse people reach unanimous conclusions on  
11 difficult topics. The purpose of the citizen's wisdom council is to  
12 create the next agenda for the citizen councilor network. Before  
13 adjournment, the citizen's wisdom council will prioritize their  
14 statements generated concerning the agenda for the state auditor by  
15 consensus or failing that by majority rule. The state auditor shall  
16 establish policies and procedures for convening the citizen's wisdom  
17 council, and will promote widespread media coverage of the event.  
18 Results of the citizen's wisdom council at its conclusion will be  
19 presented in a public ceremony.

20        (3) The expenses and standard per diem allowances for legislators  
21 will be provided to the members of the citizen's wisdom council for  
22 their work and a professional honorarium will be paid to the  
23 facilitator under sections 11, 12, and 13 of this act.

24        (4) The state auditor will assign the topics and priority of the  
25 citizen's wisdom council to the citizen councilor coordinator for  
26 development of an opinionnaire and supportive materials by one or more  
27 value reporters in accordance with section 6(2) of this act and effect  
28 the social audit and symbolic dialogue network.

29        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 6.**    (1) Other than the state of the union, state  
30 of the state, and citizen's wisdom council opinionnaire and materials,  
31 the state auditor shall determine suggested issues for public dialogue  
32 and deliberation in a social audit approximately quarterly but not more  
33 than monthly from suggestions received from the governor, the  
34 legislature, state and local public officials, agencies, counties,  
35 municipalities, and individual citizen councilors and recommend an  
36 appropriate issue or issues for consideration by the citizen councilor  
37 network to a steering committee and under subsection (2) of this

1 section. An advisory citizen councilor steering committee shall be  
2 composed of the following nonvoting members: (a) A representative from  
3 the governor's office; (b) legislative members: One member of the  
4 minority party and one member of the majority party from each house of  
5 the legislature; (c) a representative from the superintendent of public  
6 instruction; (d) a representative from each county; (e) a  
7 representative from each regional government; (f) a representative of  
8 higher education; (g) a representative from the association of  
9 Washington cities; (h) a representative from any organization  
10 participating with over fifty groups of eight to twelve persons under  
11 section 10 of this act; (i) the citizen councilor coordinator and  
12 deputy citizen councilor coordinator selected as provided in section 7  
13 of this act; and (j) others invited by the state auditor. All will  
14 serve without remuneration except if expenses are provided otherwise by  
15 law by their own agency to public persons attending. Travel expenses  
16 may be provided on request to steering committee members if funds are  
17 available at the sole discretion of the citizen councilor coordinator  
18 or deputy citizen councilor coordinator.

19 (2) After consideration and advice by the members of the steering  
20 committee, the state auditor, as an elected public official, shall  
21 determine and assign the issue or issues approved for discussion to the  
22 volunteer citizen councilor coordinator for preparation and  
23 implementation by value reporters and others, except that the first  
24 meeting of a group will be an orientation meeting prepared by the state  
25 auditor unless the group was organized and already functioning under  
26 the auspices of the Washington association of churches or others before  
27 the effective date of this act. Value reporters assigned to gather  
28 information on issues shall be careful to present all issues as  
29 evenhandedly as possible, taking care to present the generally  
30 prevailing viewpoints surrounding an issue or issues from experts,  
31 officials, scholars, and others in an effort to provide the public with  
32 information needed for discussion. Value reporters shall represent the  
33 people's right to know and will conduct interviews of experts,  
34 officials, scholars, and others to solicit their various viewpoints and  
35 record such interviews on audio or videotape for later reproduction and  
36 distribution to citizen councilor groups. Before any materials are  
37 released to citizen councilor groups, however, persons interviewed and

1 taped shall approve their taped interview for release or complete  
2 another interview to their satisfaction, otherwise their statement  
3 shall not be included in materials sent to citizens.

4 (3) The state auditor shall refer the public information material  
5 prepared by the citizen councilor coordinator, deputy citizen councilor  
6 coordinator, and their staffs to the steering committee for its review  
7 and recommendations. The governor for the state of the state address  
8 and the state auditor for all other opinionnaire materials shall make  
9 the final determination of all materials distributed to citizen  
10 councilors.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** The offices of citizen councilor coordinator  
12 and deputy citizen councilor coordinator are created within the office  
13 of the state auditor. The state auditor shall appoint the citizen  
14 councilor coordinator and deputy citizen councilor coordinator with the  
15 advice of the steering committee, if available. The citizen councilor  
16 coordinator and deputy citizen councilor coordinator shall serve at the  
17 pleasure of the state auditor, until terminated with the approval of  
18 the steering committee, and shall be citizen volunteers and serve  
19 without compensation, but shall be reimbursed for actual expenses  
20 incurred in carrying out their duties under sections 1 through 13 of  
21 this act as funds for subscriptions and donations are available.

22 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 8.** The citizen councilor coordinator and deputy  
23 citizen councilor coordinator shall:

24 (1) Promote to the citizens of the state and northwest region the  
25 citizen councilor program and its contribution to public and private  
26 planning processes;

27 (2) Oversee preparation, tabulation, summarization, and  
28 dissemination of data and information by the government and volunteer  
29 staff;

30 (3) Receive, on behalf of the citizen councilor revolving fund,  
31 gifts and donations of real or personal property, including cash and  
32 in-kind services;

33 (4) Hire a value reporter and other paid staff to assist the  
34 volunteer staff if funds are available;

35 (5) Contract for any services including without limitation a toll-

1 free telephone number and answering service, keying, optical scanning,  
2 computer tabulation, recording, reporting, research, consulting,  
3 printing, and mailing to carry out sections 1 through 13 of this act;

4 (6) Solicit volunteers to assist in administering the program from  
5 community service, educational, civic, business, religious, and other  
6 organizations;

7 (7) Solicit citizen councilor groups from existing organizations;

8 (8) Solicit individual citizen councilors to participate in local  
9 groups organized by mutual convenience usually within the same  
10 residence or work zip code area;

11 (9) Assign value reporters to interview scholars, experts, public  
12 officials, planners, leaders, and others on tape concerning topics of  
13 discussion assigned by the state auditor;

14 (10) Produce audio or video cassette tapes, or both, and printed  
15 materials as evenhandedly as possible;

16 (11) Mail or distribute by e-mail public information materials to  
17 citizen councilor communicators for conveners or individual citizen  
18 councilors, or both, after final approval by the state auditor;

19 (12) Provide, at cost, group mailing labels of its own conveners on  
20 request of an organization participating or to a county, regional  
21 government, municipality, or school district if a private iteration of  
22 their own constituents is desired at their own time and expense;

23 (13) Use machine-scan, interactive telephone, or computer  
24 technology, or all three, to record citizen councilor responses and  
25 tabulate data;

26 (14) Mail organizational, community, school, business, or church  
27 profiles to the leaders of such participating organizations for their  
28 information and without cost when they have over fifty groups  
29 responding statewide. Such information shall be filed for public  
30 review;

31 (15) Prepare summary reports of data generated and press releases  
32 and post the data for public analysis on a web site when the technology  
33 is available;

34 (16) Mail summary reports and other information to all citizen  
35 councilor conveners for their groups and to participating  
36 organizations, and to those public officials who have indicated to the  
37 citizen councilor coordinator that they are interested; and

1 (17) Maintain data generated for public and media reference in the  
2 state auditor's office and/or posted on a web site for public access.

3 The secretary of state will cooperate with the state auditor on  
4 request by providing information on initiatives, referendums, and the  
5 Washington state voters' pamphlet for the consideration of the citizen  
6 councilor network in their dialogues and deliberations.

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 9.** The citizen councilor coordinator shall  
8 actively encourage citizen councilor groups to form throughout the  
9 state. Citizen councilor groups shall usually consist of a minimum of  
10 eight and a maximum of twelve regularly assigned members and meet on  
11 call of their convener at times and places they deem most appropriate  
12 during a thirty-day or other designated time period. Citizen councilor  
13 groups might normally meet approximately two or three times per year on  
14 state issues, one or two times on county or municipal issues, and one  
15 time on federal issues in response to the president of the United  
16 States through the state of the union address. They shall have the  
17 opportunity to listen to audio or videotapes articulating an issue of  
18 public interest or concern and study other materials prepared or  
19 authorized as described in section 4 of this act. Citizen councilors  
20 shall have the opportunity to respond anonymously making their opinions  
21 known on individual mark-sense response sheets or other interactive  
22 response technology for return to the citizen councilor coordinator for  
23 tabulation and analysis.

24 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 10.** Eight through twelve citizens from  
25 organizations such as, but not limited to, community service, civic  
26 associations, cooperatives, unions, religious, business, or school  
27 district groups may enroll as an organizational group with their own  
28 communicator and convener designated. An organizational profile report  
29 shall be provided to the leaders of organizations with fifty or more  
30 groups without cost to inform them of how their members responded to  
31 public issues posed as approved by the state auditor and others and  
32 shall be open to public inspection in the office of the state auditor  
33 or posted on a web site for public analysis. If additional profiles or  
34 services are requested by an organization of its own constituents, the  
35 policy, rules, and fees to cover such costs shall be paid separately.  
36 Organizations with fifty or more groups may purchase mailing labels of

1 their group conveners from the state auditor and prepare and mail their  
2 own group materials for tabulation at their own effort and expense.  
3 These data shall not be tabulated by the citizen councilor coordinator  
4 and shall not be combined with the public data nor available for public  
5 inspection at the office of the state auditor.

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 11.** (1) Each citizen councilor shall be asked  
7 to make donations from time to time to help cover the costs of the  
8 citizen councilor program estimated at ten dollars per person per year  
9 at present costs. It is also the intention of the state auditor that  
10 donations and gifts be solicited from public-spirited individuals,  
11 businesses, and foundations to assist in the funding of the program and  
12 to provide scholarships to unemployed or low-income citizens. However,  
13 since all direct costs of this program are provided by donations and  
14 subscriptions with no funds from public sources, the citizen councilor  
15 coordinator shall use his or her discretion in determining the scale  
16 and the scope of the program so that expenses do not exceed available  
17 funds.

18 (2) Libraries will be encouraged to participate and allow citizens  
19 who are not members of a citizen councilor group to respond to the  
20 state of the union opinionnaire with appended questions by district  
21 legislators as well as state of the state with appended questions and  
22 wisdom council opinionnaires. A citizen may purchase a machine-  
23 scannable response sheet from a library at a price to cover the direct  
24 costs to the library plus an amount to cover indirect costs. Current  
25 costs are twenty-five cents per sheet direct cost to an organization  
26 that includes scanning and tabulation of data plus sales tax, postage,  
27 and handling plus an allowance to the library to cover its indirect  
28 costs of administration which may result in fifty cents to one dollar  
29 cost per sheet for the citizen responding in a library or other  
30 facility approved by the state auditor, e.g., a coffee house.

31 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 12.** A citizen councilor revolving fund is  
32 created and shall consist of donations and subscriptions collected  
33 under sections 1 through 13 of this act and any moneys appropriated to  
34 it by law for specific purposes. The state treasurer shall be  
35 custodian of the revolving fund. Disbursements from the revolving fund  
36 shall be on authorization of the citizen councilor coordinator or

1 deputy citizen councilor coordinator. In order to maintain an  
2 effective expenditure and revenue control, the citizen councilor  
3 revolving fund shall be subject in all respects to chapter 43.88 RCW,  
4 but no appropriation is required to permit expenditures and payment of  
5 obligations from the fund.

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 13.** (1) The state auditor shall establish the  
7 office of citizen councilor and will provide the citizen councilor  
8 coordinator and his or her volunteer staff with space in existing  
9 offices. Appropriations are not required, but the state auditor may  
10 consider the services provided under this section in submitting its  
11 budget.

12 (2) The citizen councilor coordinator shall seek donations from  
13 citizen councilor organizational groups, citizen councilors, public-  
14 spirited individuals, community service organizations, businesses, and  
15 foundations to help cover the costs of the program. When ten thousand  
16 dollars in donations have been received, the state auditor shall  
17 authorize the citizen councilor coordinator to establish a toll-free  
18 telephone number and answering service to develop a list of the names,  
19 addresses, and telephone numbers of persons and groups interested in  
20 serving as citizen councilors, citizen councilor communicators and/or  
21 conveners, and communicators and conveners in citizen councilor  
22 organizational groups, or in making donations. Whenever possible, the  
23 names, addresses, and legislative districts of registered voters  
24 maintained by the secretary of state shall be copied to reduce costs of  
25 the state auditor while increasing accuracy of the citizen councilor  
26 records. When ten thousand dollars in additional donations have been  
27 received, the citizen councilor coordinator may initiate the new  
28 communication process contemplated in sections 1 through 13 of this act  
29 and continue it at a scope and scale that is supportable by the  
30 resources available.

31 (3) In the event the program under sections 1 through 13 of this  
32 act fails to support its direct costs and is necessary to be terminated  
33 by the state auditor, funds remaining after payment of all outstanding  
34 expenses and disposal of equipment and supplies owned shall be  
35 deposited in the general fund.

36 (4) The theory, programming, and procedures in this act are  
37 pioneering and have never been used at the state level before in an

1 effort to design new audit processes to measure intangible human assets  
2 of esprit de corps and the concerns and interests of stakeholder  
3 citizens. The state auditor, as an elected public official and  
4 constitutionally charged to monitor state government and perform  
5 appropriate tangible asset financial audits and intangible asset  
6 compliance, performance, social, and internal audits, shall be given  
7 the widest discretion possible in resolving problems that might arise  
8 in administration of this new professional technology project if  
9 necessary.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 14.** Sections 1 through 13 of this act are each  
11 added to chapter 43.09 RCW.

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