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**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5422**

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**State of Washington**

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**By** Senate Committee on Government Operations & Elections (originally sponsored by Senators Haugen, Kastama, Berkey and Shin)

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1       AN ACT Relating to research and services for special purpose  
2 districts; adding new sections to chapter 43.110 RCW; and making  
3 appropriations.

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

5       NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 43.110 RCW  
6 to read as follows:

7       (1) The municipal research council shall contract for the provision  
8 of research and services to special purpose districts. A contract for  
9 at least two FTEs shall be made with a state agency, educational  
10 institution, or private consulting firm, that in the judgment of  
11 council members is qualified to provide such research and services.

12       (2) Research and services to special purpose districts shall  
13 consist of: (a) Studying and researching issues relating to special  
14 purpose district government; and (b) furnishing legal, technical,  
15 consultative, and field services to special purpose districts  
16 concerning issues relating to special purpose district government.

17       (3) The activities, programs, and services of the municipal  
18 research council to special purpose districts shall be carried on in  
19 cooperation with the associations representing the various special

1 purpose districts. Services to special purpose districts shall be  
2 based upon the moneys appropriated to the municipal research council  
3 from the special purpose district research services account under  
4 section 2 of this act.

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 43.110 RCW  
6 to read as follows:

7 A special account is created in the state treasury to be known as  
8 the special purpose district research services account. The account  
9 shall consist of all money transferred or appropriated to the account  
10 by the legislature. Moneys in the account may be spent only after  
11 appropriation. The account is subject to the allotment process under  
12 chapter 43.88 RCW.

13 Moneys in the special purpose district research services account  
14 may be expended only to finance the costs of special purpose district  
15 research and services.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** (1) The sum of two hundred thousand dollars,  
17 or as much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for the fiscal  
18 year ending June 30, 2006, from the public works assistance account to  
19 the special purpose district research services account.

20 (2) The sum of two hundred thousand dollars, or as much thereof as  
21 may be necessary, is appropriated for the fiscal year ending June 30,  
22 2007, from the public works assistance account to the special purpose  
23 district research services account.

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