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1 On page 6, after line 2, insert the following:

2 "Sec. 9. RCW 43.88C.010 and 2015 c 128 s 2 are each amended to  
3 read as follows:

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

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

14 (3) Approval by an affirmative vote of at least five members of  
15 the council is required for any decisions regarding employment of the  
16 supervisor. Employment of the supervisor shall terminate after each  
17 term of three years. At the end of the first year of each three-year  
18 term the council shall consider extension of the supervisor's term by  
19 one year. The council may fix the compensation of the supervisor. The  
20 supervisor shall employ staff sufficient to accomplish the purposes of  
21 this section.

22 (4) The caseload forecast council shall oversee the preparation of  
23 and approve, by an affirmative vote of at least four members, the  
24 official state caseload forecasts prepared under RCW 43.88C.020. If  
25 the council is unable to approve a forecast before a date required in  
26 RCW 43.88C.020, the supervisor shall submit the forecast without  
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1 approval and the forecast shall have the same effect as if approved by  
2 the council.

3 (5) A councilmember who does not cast an affirmative vote for  
4 approval of the official caseload forecast may request, and the  
5 supervisor shall provide, an alternative forecast based on assumptions  
6 specified by the member.

7 (6) Members of the caseload forecast council shall serve without  
8 additional compensation but shall be reimbursed for travel expenses in  
9 accordance with RCW 44.04.120 while attending sessions of the council  
10 or on official business authorized by the council. Nonlegislative  
11 members of the council shall be reimbursed for travel expenses in  
12 accordance with RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.

13 (7) "Caseload," as used in this chapter, means:

14 (a) The number of persons expected to meet entitlement  
15 requirements and require the services of public assistance programs,  
16 state correctional institutions, state correctional noninstitutional  
17 supervision, state institutions for juvenile offenders, (~~the common~~  
18 ~~school system,~~) long-term care, medical assistance, foster care, and  
19 adoption support;

20 (b) The number of students who are eligible for the Washington  
21 college bound scholarship program and are expected to attend an  
22 institution of higher education as defined in RCW 28B.92.030;

23 (c) The number of children who are eligible, as defined in RCW  
24 43.215.405, to participate in, and the number of children actually  
25 served by, the early childhood education and assistance program; and

26 (d) The number of persons expected to meet entitlement  
27 requirements in the common school system, by school district and in  
28 total statewide. The council must consider a geographic information  
29 system solution when determining district level forecasts, and must  
30 consider providing districts the ability to adjust the final forecast.

31 (8) The caseload forecast council shall forecast the temporary  
32 assistance for needy families and the working connections child care  
33 programs as a courtesy.

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1 (9) The caseload forecast council shall forecast youth  
2 participating in the extended foster care program pursuant to RCW  
3 74.13.031 separately from other children who are residing in foster  
4 care and who are under eighteen years of age.

5 (10) Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the  
6 definitions provided in RCW 43.88.020 apply to this chapter."

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8 Renumber the remaining sections consecutively and correct any  
9 internal references accordingly.

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11 Correct the title.

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EFFECT: Specifies that "caseload" for purposes of caseload  
forecasts of common school students includes school district and  
statewide caseloads. Requires the Caseload Forecast Council to  
consider a geographic information system solution when  
determining district level forecasts, and to consider providing  
districts the ability to adjust the final forecast.

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