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1 AN ACT Relating to providing that a quarterly revenue forecast is
2 due on February 20th during both a long and short legislative session
3 year; reenacting and amending RCW 82.33.020; and declaring an
4 emergency.

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

6 **Sec. 1.** RCW 82.33.020 and 2012 1st sp.s. c 8 s 3 and 2012 c 182
7 s 1 are each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

8 (1) Four times each year the supervisor must prepare, subject to
9 the approval of the economic and revenue forecast council under RCW
10 82.33.010:

11 (a) An official state economic and revenue forecast;

12 (b) An unofficial state economic and revenue forecast based on
13 optimistic economic and revenue projections; and

14 (c) An unofficial state economic and revenue forecast based on
15 pessimistic economic and revenue projections.

16 (2) The supervisor must submit forecasts prepared under this
17 section, along with any unofficial forecasts provided under RCW
18 82.33.010, to the governor and the members of the committees on ways
19 and means and the chairs of the committees on transportation of the
20 senate and house of representatives, including one copy to the staff
21 of each of the committees, on or before November 20th, February 20th

1 (~~in the even-numbered years, March 20th in the odd-numbered years~~),
2 June 27th, and September 27th. All forecasts must include both
3 estimated receipts and estimated revenues in conformance with
4 generally accepted accounting principles as provided by RCW
5 43.88.037. In odd-numbered years, the period covered by forecasts for
6 the state general fund and related funds must cover the current
7 fiscal biennium and the next ensuing fiscal biennium. In even-
8 numbered years, the period covered by the forecasts for the state
9 general fund and related funds shall be current fiscal and the next
10 two ensuing fiscal biennia.

11 (3) All agencies of state government must provide to the
12 supervisor immediate access to all information relating to economic
13 and revenue forecasts. Revenue collection information must be
14 available to the supervisor the first business day following the
15 conclusion of each collection period.

16 (4) The economic and revenue forecast supervisor and staff must
17 co-locate and share information, data, and files with the tax
18 research section of the department of revenue but may not duplicate
19 the duties and functions of one another.

20 (5) As part of its forecasts under subsection (1) of this
21 section, the supervisor must provide estimated revenue from tuition
22 fees as defined in RCW 28B.15.020.

23 (6) The economic and revenue forecast council must, in
24 consultation with the economic and revenue forecast work group
25 created in RCW 82.33.040, review the existing economic and revenue
26 forecast council revenue model, data, and methodologies and in light
27 of recent economic changes, engage outside experts if necessary, and
28 recommend changes to the economic and revenue forecast council
29 revenue forecasting process to increase confidence and promote
30 accuracy in the revenue forecast. The recommendations are due by
31 September 30, 2012, and every five years thereafter.

32 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** This act is necessary for the immediate
33 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of
34 the state government and its existing public institutions, and takes
35 effect immediately.

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