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SENATE BILL 5752

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State of Washington

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By Senator Rivers

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1 AN ACT Relating to conducting a study of the costs and funding  
2 sources for the core services and functions provided by county  
3 offices; creating a new section; and providing an expiration date.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The joint legislative audit and review  
6 committee must conduct a study to determine the following information  
7 for each county in Washington:

8 (a) The cost per county resident to provide the core services and  
9 functions of the following county offices:

- 10 (i) Assessor;
- 11 (ii) Auditor;
- 12 (iii) Clerk;
- 13 (iv) Coroner or medical examiner;
- 14 (v) Treasurer;
- 15 (vi) Sheriff;
- 16 (vii) Courts;
- 17 (viii) Prosecuting attorney; and
- 18 (ix) County legislative authority.

19 Core services and functions are those required for all counties  
20 to carry out the Constitution and laws of the state of Washington.

1 (b) The funding sources for all funds, including all state funds,  
2 used by the county offices in (a) of this subsection to provide core  
3 services and functions. The funding sources must be listed separately  
4 for each county office.

5 (2) The joint legislative audit and review committee must use the  
6 county population data released by the office of financial management  
7 as of the effective date of this section when determining costs per  
8 county resident.

9 (3) The joint legislative audit and review committee must issue a  
10 report to the legislature by November 1, 2017.

11 (4) This section expires July 1, 2018.

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