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1 AN ACT Relating to local permit assistance; adding a new section to
2 chapter 36.70B RCW; adding a new section to chapter 43.110 RCW; and
3 adding a new section to chapter 43.330 RCW.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 36.70B RCW
6 to read as follows:

7 (1) Each county and city having populations of ten thousand or more
8 that plan under RCW 36.70A.040 shall designate permit assistance staff
9 whose function it is to assist permit applicants. An existing employee
10 may be designated as the permit assistance staff.

11 (2) Permit assistance staff designated under this section shall:

12 (a) Publish and keep current one or more handbooks containing lists
13 and explanations of all permit laws. To the extent possible, the
14 handbook must include relevant state, federal, and tribal laws,
15 including the review procedures under this chapter. The local
16 government shall provide a reasonable number of copies of application
17 forms, statutes, ordinances, rules, handbooks, and other informational
18 material;

1 (b) Establish and make known to the public the means of obtaining
2 the handbook and related information; and

3 (c) Provide advice regarding the interpretation of the handbook in
4 particular cases.

5 (3) Permit assistance staff designated under this section may
6 obtain technical assistance and support in the compilation and
7 production of the handbook under subsection (2) of this section from
8 the municipal research council and the department of community, trade,
9 and economic development.

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

12 The municipal research council shall provide technical assistance
13 in the compilation of and support in the production of the handbook to
14 be published and kept current by counties and cities under section 1 of
15 this act.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 43.330 RCW
17 to read as follows:

18 The department shall provide technical assistance in the
19 compilation of and support in the production of the handbook to be
20 published and kept current by counties and cities under section 1 of
21 this act.

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