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5 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
6 following:

7 "Sec. 1. RCW 43.110.010 and 1990 c 104 s 1 are each amended to
8 read as follows:

9 There shall be a state agency which shall be known as the municipal
10 research council. The council shall be composed of ~~((eighteen))~~
11 twenty-three members. Four members shall be appointed by the president
12 of the senate, with equal representation from each of the two major
13 political parties; four members shall be appointed by the speaker of
14 the house of representatives, with equal representation from each of
15 the two major political parties; one member shall be appointed by the
16 governor independently; ~~((and the other))~~ nine members, who shall be
17 city or town officials, shall be appointed by the governor from a list
18 of nine nominees submitted by the board of directors of the association
19 of Washington cities; and five members, who shall be county officials,
20 shall be appointed by the governor, two of whom shall be from a list of
21 two nominees submitted by the board of directors of the Washington
22 association of county officials, and three of whom shall be from a list
23 of three nominees submitted by the board of directors of the Washington
24 state association of counties. Of the ~~((members appointed by the~~
25 ~~association))~~ city or town officials, at least one shall be an official
26 of a city having a population of twenty thousand or more; at least one
27 shall be an official of a city having a population of one thousand five
28 hundred to twenty thousand; and at least one shall be an official of a
29 town having a population of less than one thousand five hundred.

30 The terms of members shall be for two years ~~((and shall not))~~. The
31 terms of those members who are appointed as legislators or city, town,
32 or county officials shall be dependent upon continuance in legislative
33 ~~((or))~~ city, town, or county office. The terms of all members except
34 legislative members shall commence on the first day of August in every
35 odd-numbered year. The speaker of the house of representatives and the
36 president of the senate shall make their appointments on or before the

1 third Monday in January in each odd-numbered year, and the terms of the
2 members thus appointed shall commence on the third Monday of January in
3 each odd-numbered year.

4 Council members shall receive no compensation but shall be
5 reimbursed for travel expenses at rates in accordance with RCW
6 43.03.050 and 43.03.060 as now existing or hereafter amended, except
7 that members of the council who are also members of the legislature
8 shall be reimbursed at the rates provided by RCW 44.04.120.

9 **Sec. 2.** RCW 43.110.030 and 1990 c 104 s 2 are each amended to read
10 as follows:

11 The municipal research council shall contract for the provision of
12 municipal research and services to cities (~~((and))~~), towns, and counties.
13 Contracts for municipal research and services shall be made with state
14 agencies, educational institutions, or private consulting firms, that
15 in the judgment of council members are qualified to provide such
16 research and services. Contracts for staff support may be made with
17 state agencies, educational institutions, or private consulting firms
18 that in the judgment of the council members are qualified to provide
19 such support.

20 Municipal research and services shall consist of: (1) Studying and
21 researching (~~((municipal))~~) city, town, and county government and issues
22 relating to (~~((municipal))~~) city, town, and county government; (2)
23 acquiring, preparing, and distributing publications related to
24 (~~((municipal))~~) city, town, and county government and issues relating to
25 (~~((municipal))~~) city, town, and county government; (3) providing
26 educational conferences relating to (~~((municipal))~~) city, town, and
27 county government and issues relating to (~~((municipal))~~) city, town, and
28 county government; and (4) furnishing legal, technical, consultative,
29 and field services to cities (~~((and))~~), towns, and counties concerning
30 planning, public health, utility services, fire protection, law
31 enforcement, public works, and other issues relating to (~~((municipal))~~)
32 city, town, and county government. Requests for legal services by
33 county officials shall be sent to the office of the county prosecuting
34 attorney. Responses by the municipal research council to county
35 requests for legal services shall be provided to the requesting
36 official and the county prosecuting attorney.

37 The activities, programs, and services of the municipal research
38 council shall be carried on, and all expenditures shall be made, in

1 cooperation with the cities and towns of the state acting through the
2 board of directors of the association of Washington cities, which is
3 recognized as their official agency or instrumentality, and in
4 cooperation with counties of the state acting through the Washington
5 state association of counties. Services to cities and towns shall be
6 based upon the moneys appropriated to the municipal research council
7 under RCW 82.44.160. Services to counties shall be based upon the
8 moneys appropriated to the municipal research council from the county
9 research services account under section 3 of this act.

10 NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. A new section is added to chapter 43.110 RCW
11 to read as follows:

12 A special account is created in the state treasury to be known as
13 the county research services account. The account shall consist of all
14 money transferred to the account under RCW 82.08.170 or otherwise
15 transferred or appropriated to the account by the legislature. Moneys
16 in the account may be spent only after appropriation. The account is
17 subject to the allotment process under chapter 43.88 RCW.

18 Moneys in the county research services account may be expended only
19 to finance the costs of county research.

20 **Sec. 4.** RCW 82.08.170 and 1983 c 3 s 215 are each amended to read
21 as follows:

22 (~~On the first day of~~) (1) During the months of January, April,
23 July and October of each year, the state treasurer shall make the
24 apportionment and distribution of all moneys in the liquor excise tax
25 fund to the counties, cities and towns in the following proportions:
26 Twenty percent of the moneys in said liquor excise tax fund shall be
27 divided among and distributed to the counties of the state in
28 accordance with the provisions of RCW 66.08.200; eighty percent of the
29 moneys in said liquor excise tax fund shall be divided among and
30 distributed to the cities and towns of the state in accordance with the
31 provisions of RCW 66.08.210.

32 (2) Each fiscal quarter and prior to making the twenty percent
33 distribution to counties under subsection (1) of this section, the
34 treasurer shall transfer to the county research services account under
35 section 3 of this act sufficient moneys that, when combined with any
36 cash balance in the account, will fund the allotments from any
37 legislative appropriations from the county research services account.

1 **Sec. 5.** RCW 43.88.114 and 1983 c 22 s 2 are each amended to read
2 as follows:

3 Appropriations of funds to the municipal research council from
4 motor vehicle excise taxes shall not be subject to allotment by the
5 office of financial management.

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** This act is necessary for the immediate
7 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
8 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect
9 July 1, 1997."

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