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1 AN ACT Relating to state caseload forecasts; amending RCW 41.06.087
2 and 43.88.160; reenacting and amending RCW 43.88.030; adding a new
3 chapter to Title 43 RCW; providing an effective date; and declaring an
4 emergency.

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

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

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

16 (3) Approval by an affirmative vote of at least five members of the
17 council is required for any decisions regarding employment of the
18 supervisor. Employment of the supervisor shall terminate after each
19 term of three years. At the end of the first year of each three-year

1 term the council shall consider extension of the supervisor's term by
2 one year. The council may fix the compensation of the supervisor. The
3 supervisor shall employ staff sufficient to accomplish the purposes of
4 this section.

5 (4) The caseload forecast council shall oversee the preparation of
6 and approve, by an affirmative vote of at least four members, the
7 official state caseload forecasts prepared under section 2 of this act.
8 If the council is unable to approve a forecast before a date required
9 in section 2 of this act, the supervisor shall submit the forecast
10 without approval and the forecast shall have the same effect as if
11 approved by the council.

12 (5) A council member who does not cast an affirmative vote for
13 approval of the official caseload forecast may request, and the
14 supervisor shall provide, an alternative forecast based on assumptions
15 specified by the member.

16 (6) Members of the caseload forecast council shall serve without
17 additional compensation but shall be reimbursed for travel expenses in
18 accordance with RCW 44.04.120 while attending sessions of the council
19 or on official business authorized by the council. Nonlegislative
20 members of the council shall be reimbursed for travel expenses in
21 accordance with RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.

22 (7) "Caseload," as used in this chapter, means the number of
23 persons expected to meet entitlement requirements and require the
24 services of public assistance programs, state correctional
25 institutions, state institutions for juvenile offenders, the common
26 school system, and other state-funded programs as determined by the
27 council.

28 (8) Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions
29 provided in RCW 43.88.020 apply to this chapter.

30 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) Four times each year, or as determined
31 by the council, the supervisor shall prepare, subject to the approval
32 of the caseload forecast council under section 1 of this act:

- 33 (a) An official state caseload forecast; and
34 (b) Other caseload forecasts based on alternative assumptions as
35 the council may determine.

36 (2) The supervisor shall submit caseload forecasts prepared under
37 this section, along with any unofficial forecasts provided under
38 section 1 of this act, to the governor and the members of the

1 legislative fiscal committees, including one copy to the staff of each
2 of the committees.

3 (3) All agencies of state government shall provide to the
4 supervisor immediate access to all information relating to caseload
5 forecasts.

6 (4) The administrator of the legislative evaluation and
7 accountability program committee may request, and the supervisor shall
8 provide, alternative caseload forecasts based on assumptions specified
9 by the administrator.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** (1) To promote the free flow of information
11 and to promote legislative input in the preparation of forecasts,
12 immediate access to all information relating to caseload forecasts
13 shall be available to the caseload forecast work group, hereby created.
14 Each state agency affected by caseloads shall submit caseload reports
15 and data to the council as soon as the reports and data are available
16 and shall provide to the council and the supervisor such additional
17 raw, program-level data or information as may be necessary for
18 discharge of their respective duties.

19 (2) The caseload forecast work group shall consist of one staff
20 member selected by the executive head or chairperson of each of the
21 following agencies, programs, or committees:

22 (a) Office of financial management;

23 (b) Ways and means committee, or its successor, of the senate;

24 (c) Appropriations committee, or its successor, of the house of
25 representatives;

26 (d) Legislative evaluation and accountability program committee;
27 and

28 (e) Each state program for which the council forecasts the
29 caseload.

30 (3) The caseload forecast work group shall provide technical
31 support to the caseload forecast council. Meetings of the caseload
32 forecast work group may be called by any member of the group for the
33 purpose of assisting the council, reviewing forecasts, or for any other
34 purpose that may assist the council.

35 **Sec. 4.** RCW 41.06.087 and 1990 c 229 s 3 are each amended to read
36 as follows:

1 In addition to the exemptions set forth in RCW 41.06.070, this
2 chapter does not apply to the economic and revenue forecast supervisor
3 and staff employed under RCW 82.33.010 or the caseload forecast
4 supervisor and staff employed under section 1 of this act.

5 **Sec. 5.** RCW 43.88.030 and 1994 c 247 s 7 and 1994 c 219 s 2 are
6 each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

7 (1) The director of financial management shall provide all agencies
8 with a complete set of instructions for submitting biennial budget
9 requests to the director at least three months before agency budget
10 documents are due into the office of financial management. The
11 director shall provide agencies that are required under RCW 44.40.070
12 to develop comprehensive six-year program and financial plans with a
13 complete set of instructions for submitting these program and financial
14 plans at the same time that instructions for submitting other budget
15 requests are provided. The budget document or documents shall consist
16 of the governor's budget message which shall be explanatory of the
17 budget and shall contain an outline of the proposed financial policies
18 of the state for the ensuing fiscal period, as well as an outline of
19 the proposed six-year financial policies where applicable, and shall
20 describe in connection therewith the important features of the budget.
21 The message shall set forth the reasons for salient changes from the
22 previous fiscal period in expenditure and revenue items and shall
23 explain any major changes in financial policy. Attached to the budget
24 message shall be such supporting schedules, exhibits and other
25 explanatory material in respect to both current operations and capital
26 improvements as the governor shall deem to be useful to the
27 legislature. The budget document or documents shall set forth a
28 proposal for expenditures in the ensuing fiscal period, or six-year
29 period where applicable, based upon the estimated revenues and
30 caseloads as approved by the economic and revenue forecast council and
31 caseload forecast council or upon the estimated revenues and caseloads
32 of the office of financial management for those funds, accounts,
33 ~~((and))~~ sources, and programs for which the ~~((office of the economic~~
34 ~~and revenue))~~ forecast councils ~~((does))~~ do not prepare an official
35 forecast, including those revenues anticipated to support the six-year
36 programs and financial plans under RCW 44.40.070. In estimating
37 revenues to support financial plans under RCW 44.40.070, the office of
38 financial management shall rely on information and advice from the

1 interagency revenue task force. Revenues shall be estimated for such
2 fiscal period from the source and at the rates existing by law at the
3 time of submission of the budget document, including the supplemental
4 budgets submitted in the even-numbered years of a biennium. However,
5 the estimated revenues and caseloads for use in the governor's budget
6 document may be adjusted to reflect budgetary revenue transfers and
7 revenue estimates dependent upon budgetary assumptions of enrollments,
8 workloads, and caseloads. All adjustments to the approved estimated
9 revenues and caseloads must be set forth in the budget document. The
10 governor may additionally submit, as an appendix to each supplemental,
11 biennial, or six-year agency budget or to the budget document or
12 documents, a proposal for expenditures in the ensuing fiscal period
13 from revenue sources derived from proposed changes in existing
14 statutes.

15 Supplemental and biennial documents shall reflect a six-year
16 expenditure plan consistent with estimated revenues from existing
17 sources and at existing rates for those agencies required to submit
18 six-year program and financial plans under RCW 44.40.070. Any
19 additional revenue resulting from proposed changes to existing statutes
20 shall be separately identified within the document as well as related
21 expenditures for the six-year period.

22 The budget document or documents shall also contain:

23 (a) Revenues classified by fund and source for the immediately past
24 fiscal period, those received or anticipated for the current fiscal
25 period, those anticipated for the ensuing biennium, and those
26 anticipated for the ensuing six-year period to support the six-year
27 programs and financial plans required under RCW 44.40.070;

28 (b) The undesignated fund balance or deficit, by fund;

29 (c) Such additional information dealing with expenditures,
30 revenues, workload, performance, and personnel as the legislature may
31 direct by law or concurrent resolution;

32 (d) Such additional information dealing with revenues and
33 expenditures as the governor shall deem pertinent and useful to the
34 legislature;

35 (e) Tabulations showing expenditures classified by fund, function,
36 activity and object;

37 (f) A delineation of each agency's activities, including those
38 activities funded from nonbudgeted, nonappropriated sources, including
39 funds maintained outside the state treasury;

1 (g) Identification of all proposed direct expenditures to implement
2 the Puget Sound water quality plan under chapter ((90.70)) 90.71 RCW,
3 shown by agency and in total; and

4 (h) Tabulations showing each postretirement adjustment by
5 retirement system established after fiscal year 1991, to include, but
6 not be limited to, estimated total payments made to the end of the
7 previous biennial period, estimated payments for the present biennium,
8 and estimated payments for the ensuing biennium.

9 (2) The budget document or documents shall include detailed
10 estimates of all anticipated revenues applicable to proposed operating
11 or capital expenditures and shall also include all proposed operating
12 or capital expenditures. The total of beginning undesignated fund
13 balance and estimated revenues less working capital and other reserves
14 shall equal or exceed the total of proposed applicable expenditures.
15 The budget document or documents shall further include:

16 (a) Interest, amortization and redemption charges on the state
17 debt;

18 (b) Payments of all reliefs, judgments and claims;

19 (c) Other statutory expenditures;

20 (d) Expenditures incident to the operation for each agency;

21 (e) Revenues derived from agency operations;

22 (f) Expenditures and revenues shall be given in comparative form
23 showing those incurred or received for the immediately past fiscal
24 period and those anticipated for the current biennium and next ensuing
25 biennium, as well as those required to support the six-year programs
26 and financial plans required under RCW 44.40.070;

27 (g) A showing and explanation of amounts of general fund and other
28 funds obligations for debt service and any transfers of moneys that
29 otherwise would have been available for appropriation;

30 (h) Common school expenditures on a fiscal-year basis;

31 (i) A showing, by agency, of the value and purpose of financing
32 contracts for the lease/purchase or acquisition of personal or real
33 property for the current and ensuing fiscal periods; and

34 (j) A showing and explanation of anticipated amounts of general
35 fund and other funds required to amortize the unfunded actuarial
36 accrued liability of the retirement system specified under chapter
37 41.45 RCW, and the contributions to meet such amortization, stated in
38 total dollars and as a level percentage of total compensation.

1 (3) A separate capital budget document or schedule shall be
2 submitted that will contain the following:

3 (a) A statement setting forth a long-range facilities plan for the
4 state that identifies and includes the highest priority needs within
5 affordable spending levels;

6 (b) A capital program consisting of proposed capital projects for
7 the next biennium and the two biennia succeeding the next biennium
8 consistent with the long-range facilities plan. Inasmuch as is
9 practical, and recognizing emergent needs, the capital program shall
10 reflect the priorities, projects, and spending levels proposed in
11 previously submitted capital budget documents in order to provide a
12 reliable long-range planning tool for the legislature and state
13 agencies;

14 (c) A capital plan consisting of proposed capital spending for at
15 least four biennia succeeding the next biennium;

16 (d) A statement of the reason or purpose for a project;

17 (e) Verification that a project is consistent with the provisions
18 set forth in chapter 36.70A RCW;

19 (f) A statement about the proposed site, size, and estimated life
20 of the project, if applicable;

21 (g) Estimated total project cost;

22 (h) For major projects valued over five million dollars, estimated
23 costs for the following project components: Acquisition, consultant
24 services, construction, equipment, project management, and other costs
25 included as part of the project. Project component costs shall be
26 displayed in a standard format defined by the office of financial
27 management to allow comparisons between projects;

28 (i) Estimated total project cost for each phase of the project as
29 defined by the office of financial management;

30 (j) Estimated ensuing biennium costs;

31 (k) Estimated costs beyond the ensuing biennium;

32 (l) Estimated construction start and completion dates;

33 (m) Source and type of funds proposed;

34 (n) Estimated ongoing operating budget costs or savings resulting
35 from the project, including staffing and maintenance costs;

36 (o) For any capital appropriation requested for a state agency for
37 the acquisition of land or the capital improvement of land in which the
38 primary purpose of the acquisition or improvement is recreation or
39 wildlife habitat conservation, the capital budget document, or an

1 omnibus list of recreation and habitat acquisitions provided with the
2 governor's budget document, shall identify the projected costs of
3 operation and maintenance for at least the two biennia succeeding the
4 next biennium. Omnibus lists of habitat and recreation land
5 acquisitions shall include individual project cost estimates for
6 operation and maintenance as well as a total for all state projects
7 included in the list. The document shall identify the source of funds
8 from which the operation and maintenance costs are proposed to be
9 funded;

10 (p) Such other information bearing upon capital projects as the
11 governor deems to be useful;

12 (q) Standard terms, including a standard and uniform definition of
13 maintenance for all capital projects;

14 (r) Such other information as the legislature may direct by law or
15 concurrent resolution.

16 For purposes of this subsection (3), the term "capital project"
17 shall be defined subsequent to the analysis, findings, and
18 recommendations of a joint committee comprised of representatives from
19 the house capital appropriations committee, senate ways and means
20 committee, legislative transportation committee, legislative evaluation
21 and accountability program committee, and office of financial
22 management.

23 (4) No change affecting the comparability of agency or program
24 information relating to expenditures, revenues, workload, performance
25 and personnel shall be made in the format of any budget document or
26 report presented to the legislature under this section or RCW
27 43.88.160(1) relative to the format of the budget document or report
28 which was presented to the previous regular session of the legislature
29 during an odd-numbered year without prior legislative concurrence.
30 Prior legislative concurrence shall consist of (a) a favorable majority
31 vote on the proposal by the standing committees on ways and means of
32 both houses if the legislature is in session or (b) a favorable
33 majority vote on the proposal by members of the legislative evaluation
34 and accountability program committee if the legislature is not in
35 session.

36 **Sec. 6.** RCW 43.88.160 and 1996 c 288 s 25 are each amended to read
37 as follows:

1 This section sets forth the major fiscal duties and
2 responsibilities of officers and agencies of the executive branch. The
3 regulations issued by the governor pursuant to this chapter shall
4 provide for a comprehensive, orderly basis for fiscal management and
5 control, including efficient accounting and reporting therefor, for the
6 executive branch of the state government and may include, in addition,
7 such requirements as will generally promote more efficient public
8 management in the state.

9 (1) Governor; director of financial management. The governor,
10 through the director of financial management, shall devise and
11 supervise a modern and complete accounting system for each agency to
12 the end that all revenues, expenditures, receipts, disbursements,
13 resources, and obligations of the state shall be properly and
14 systematically accounted for. The accounting system shall include the
15 development of accurate, timely records and reports of all financial
16 affairs of the state. The system shall also provide for central
17 accounts in the office of financial management at the level of detail
18 deemed necessary by the director to perform central financial
19 management. The director of financial management shall adopt and
20 periodically update an accounting procedures manual. Any agency
21 maintaining its own accounting and reporting system shall comply with
22 the updated accounting procedures manual and the rules of the director
23 adopted under this chapter. An agency may receive a waiver from
24 complying with this requirement if the waiver is approved by the
25 director. Waivers expire at the end of the fiscal biennium for which
26 they are granted. The director shall forward notice of waivers granted
27 to the appropriate legislative fiscal committees. The director of
28 financial management may require such financial, statistical, and other
29 reports as the director deems necessary from all agencies covering any
30 period.

31 (2) Except as provided in chapter 43.--- RCW (sections 1 through 3
32 of this act), the director of financial management is responsible for
33 quarterly reporting of primary operating budget drivers such as
34 applicable workloads, caseload estimates, and appropriate unit cost
35 data. These reports shall be transmitted to the legislative fiscal
36 committees or by electronic means to the legislative evaluation and
37 accountability program committee. Quarterly reports shall include
38 actual monthly data and the variance between actual and estimated data

1 to date. The reports shall also include estimates of these items for
2 the remainder of the budget period.

3 (3) The director of financial management shall report at least
4 annually to the appropriate legislative committees regarding the status
5 of all appropriated capital projects, including transportation
6 projects, showing significant cost overruns or underruns. If funds are
7 shifted from one project to another, the office of financial management
8 shall also reflect this in the annual variance report. Once a project
9 is complete, the report shall provide a final summary showing estimated
10 start and completion dates of each project phase compared to actual
11 dates, estimated costs of each project phase compared to actual costs,
12 and whether or not there are any outstanding liabilities or unsettled
13 claims at the time of completion.

14 (4) In addition, the director of financial management, as agent of
15 the governor, shall:

16 (a) Develop and maintain a system of internal controls and internal
17 audits comprising methods and procedures to be adopted by each agency
18 that will safeguard its assets, check the accuracy and reliability of
19 its accounting data, promote operational efficiency, and encourage
20 adherence to prescribed managerial policies for accounting and
21 financial controls. The system developed by the director shall include
22 criteria for determining the scope and comprehensiveness of internal
23 controls required by classes of agencies, depending on the level of
24 resources at risk.

25 Each agency head or authorized designee shall be assigned the
26 responsibility and authority for establishing and maintaining internal
27 audits following the standards of internal auditing of the institute of
28 internal auditors;

29 (b) Make surveys and analyses of agencies with the object of
30 determining better methods and increased effectiveness in the use of
31 manpower and materials; and the director shall authorize expenditures
32 for employee training to the end that the state may benefit from
33 training facilities made available to state employees;

34 (c) Establish policies for allowing the contracting of child care
35 services;

36 (d) Report to the governor with regard to duplication of effort or
37 lack of coordination among agencies;

38 (e) Review any pay and classification plans, and changes
39 thereunder, developed by any agency for their fiscal impact: PROVIDED,

1 That none of the provisions of this subsection shall affect merit
2 systems of personnel management now existing or hereafter established
3 by statute relating to the fixing of qualifications requirements for
4 recruitment, appointment, or promotion of employees of any agency. The
5 director shall advise and confer with agencies including appropriate
6 standing committees of the legislature as may be designated by the
7 speaker of the house and the president of the senate regarding the
8 fiscal impact of such plans and may amend or alter said plans, except
9 that for the following agencies no amendment or alteration of said
10 plans may be made without the approval of the agency concerned:
11 Agencies headed by elective officials;

12 (f) Fix the number and classes of positions or authorized man years
13 of employment for each agency and during the fiscal period amend the
14 determinations previously fixed by the director except that the
15 director shall not be empowered to fix said number or said classes for
16 the following: Agencies headed by elective officials;

17 (g) Adopt rules to effectuate provisions contained in (a) through
18 (f) of this subsection.

19 (5) The treasurer shall:

20 (a) Receive, keep, and disburse all public funds of the state not
21 expressly required by law to be received, kept, and disbursed by some
22 other persons: PROVIDED, That this subsection shall not apply to those
23 public funds of the institutions of higher learning which are not
24 subject to appropriation;

25 (b) Receive, disburse, or transfer public funds under the
26 treasurer's supervision or custody;

27 (c) Keep a correct and current account of all moneys received and
28 disbursed by the treasurer, classified by fund or account;

29 (d) Coordinate agencies' acceptance and use of credit cards and
30 other payment methods, if the agencies have received authorization
31 under RCW 43.41.180;

32 (e) Perform such other duties as may be required by law or by
33 regulations issued pursuant to this law.

34 It shall be unlawful for the treasurer to disburse public funds in
35 the treasury except upon forms or by alternative means duly prescribed
36 by the director of financial management. These forms or alternative
37 means shall provide for authentication and certification by the agency
38 head or the agency head's designee that the services have been rendered
39 or the materials have been furnished; or, in the case of loans or

1 grants, that the loans or grants are authorized by law; or, in the case
2 of payments for periodic maintenance services to be performed on state
3 owned equipment, that a written contract for such periodic maintenance
4 services is currently in effect and copies thereof are on file with the
5 office of financial management; and the treasurer shall not be liable
6 under the treasurer's surety bond for erroneous or improper payments so
7 made. When services are lawfully paid for in advance of full
8 performance by any private individual or business entity other than as
9 provided for by RCW 42.24.035, such individual or entity other than
10 central stores rendering such services shall make a cash deposit or
11 furnish surety bond coverage to the state as shall be fixed in an
12 amount by law, or if not fixed by law, then in such amounts as shall be
13 fixed by the director of the department of general administration but
14 in no case shall such required cash deposit or surety bond be less than
15 an amount which will fully indemnify the state against any and all
16 losses on account of breach of promise to fully perform such services.
17 No payments shall be made in advance for any equipment maintenance
18 services to be performed more than three months after such payment.
19 Any such bond so furnished shall be conditioned that the person, firm
20 or corporation receiving the advance payment will apply it toward
21 performance of the contract. The responsibility for recovery of
22 erroneous or improper payments made under this section shall lie with
23 the agency head or the agency head's designee in accordance with
24 regulations issued pursuant to this chapter. Nothing in this section
25 shall be construed to permit a public body to advance funds to a
26 private service provider pursuant to a grant or loan before services
27 have been rendered or material furnished.

28 (6) The state auditor shall:

29 (a) Report to the legislature the results of current post audits
30 that have been made of the financial transactions of each agency; to
31 this end the auditor may, in the auditor's discretion, examine the
32 books and accounts of any agency, official, or employee charged with
33 the receipt, custody, or safekeeping of public funds. Where feasible
34 in conducting examinations, the auditor shall utilize data and findings
35 from the internal control system prescribed by the office of financial
36 management. The current post audit of each agency may include a
37 section on recommendations to the legislature as provided in (c) of
38 this subsection.

1 (b) Give information to the legislature, whenever required, upon
2 any subject relating to the financial affairs of the state.

3 (c) Make the auditor's official report on or before the thirty-
4 first of December which precedes the meeting of the legislature. The
5 report shall be for the last complete fiscal period and shall include
6 determinations as to whether agencies, in making expenditures, complied
7 with the laws of this state. The state auditor is authorized to
8 perform or participate in performance verifications and performance
9 audits as expressly authorized by the legislature in the omnibus
10 biennial appropriations acts or in the performance audit work plan
11 approved by the joint legislative audit and review committee. The
12 state auditor, upon completing an audit for legal and financial
13 compliance under chapter 43.09 RCW or a performance verification, may
14 report to the joint legislative audit and review committee or other
15 appropriate committees of the legislature, in a manner prescribed by
16 the joint legislative audit and review committee, on facts relating to
17 the management or performance of governmental programs where such facts
18 are discovered incidental to the legal and financial audit or
19 performance verification. The auditor may make such a report to a
20 legislative committee only if the auditor has determined that the
21 agency has been given an opportunity and has failed to resolve the
22 management or performance issues raised by the auditor. If the auditor
23 makes a report to a legislative committee, the agency may submit to the
24 committee a response to the report. This subsection (6) shall not be
25 construed to authorize the auditor to allocate other than de minimis
26 resources to performance audits except as expressly authorized in the
27 appropriations acts or in the performance audit work plan. The results
28 of a performance audit conducted by the state auditor that has been
29 requested by the joint legislative audit and review committee must only
30 be transmitted to the joint legislative audit and review committee.

31 (d) Be empowered to take exception to specific expenditures that
32 have been incurred by any agency or to take exception to other
33 practices related in any way to the agency's financial transactions and
34 to cause such exceptions to be made a matter of public record,
35 including disclosure to the agency concerned and to the director of
36 financial management. It shall be the duty of the director of
37 financial management to cause corrective action to be taken promptly,
38 such action to include, as appropriate, the withholding of funds as
39 provided in RCW 43.88.110.

1 (e) Promptly report any irregularities to the attorney general.

2 (f) Investigate improper governmental activity under chapter 42.40
3 RCW.

4 (7) The joint legislative audit and review committee may:

5 (a) Make post audits of the financial transactions of any agency
6 and management surveys and program reviews as provided for in chapter
7 44.28 RCW as well as performance audits and program evaluations. To
8 this end the joint committee may in its discretion examine the books,
9 accounts, and other records of any agency, official, or employee.

10 (b) Give information to the legislature or any legislative
11 committee whenever required upon any subject relating to the
12 performance and management of state agencies.

13 (c) Make a report to the legislature which shall include at least
14 the following:

15 (i) Determinations as to the extent to which agencies in making
16 expenditures have complied with the will of the legislature and in this
17 connection, may take exception to specific expenditures or financial
18 practices of any agencies; and

19 (ii) Such plans as it deems expedient for the support of the
20 state's credit, for lessening expenditures, for promoting frugality and
21 economy in agency affairs, and generally for an improved level of
22 fiscal management.

23 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** Sections 1 through 3 of this act constitute
24 a new chapter in Title 43 RCW.

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

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