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SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5521

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COUNTY RESEARCH SERVICES

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BRAD OWEN

President of the Senate

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CLYDE BALLARD

**Speaker of the
House of Representatives**

Approved May 20, 1997

CERTIFICATE

I, Mike O Connell, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5521** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

MIKE O'CONNELL

Secretary

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By Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senator Haugen)

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1 AN ACT Relating to county research services; amending RCW
2 43.110.010, 43.110.030, 82.08.170, and 43.88.114; adding a new section
3 to chapter 43.110 RCW; providing an effective date; and declaring an
4 emergency.

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

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

8 There shall be a state agency which shall be known as the municipal
9 research council. The council shall be composed of ~~((eighteen))~~
10 twenty-three members. Four members shall be appointed by the president
11 of the senate, with equal representation from each of the two major
12 political parties; four members shall be appointed by the speaker of
13 the house of representatives, with equal representation from each of
14 the two major political parties; one member shall be appointed by the
15 governor independently; ~~((and the other))~~ nine members, who shall be
16 city or town officials, shall be appointed by the governor from a list
17 of nine nominees submitted by the board of directors of the association
18 of Washington cities; and five members, who shall be county officials,
19 shall be appointed by the governor, two of whom shall be from a list of

1 two nominees submitted by the board of directors of the Washington
2 association of county officials, and three of whom shall be from a list
3 of three nominees submitted by the board of directors of the Washington
4 state association of counties. Of the ~~((members appointed by the~~
5 ~~association))~~ city or town officials, at least one shall be an official
6 of a city having a population of twenty thousand or more; at least one
7 shall be an official of a city having a population of one thousand five
8 hundred to twenty thousand; and at least one shall be an official of a
9 town having a population of less than one thousand five hundred.

10 The terms of members shall be for two years ~~((and shall not))~~. The
11 terms of those members who are appointed as legislators or city, town,
12 or county officials shall be dependent upon continuance in legislative
13 ~~((or))~~ city, town, or county office. The terms of all members except
14 legislative members shall commence on the first day of August in every
15 odd-numbered year. The speaker of the house of representatives and the
16 president of the senate shall make their appointments on or before the
17 third Monday in January in each odd-numbered year, and the terms of the
18 members thus appointed shall commence on the third Monday of January in
19 each odd-numbered year.

20 Council members shall receive no compensation but shall be
21 reimbursed for travel expenses at rates in accordance with RCW
22 43.03.050 and 43.03.060 as now existing or hereafter amended, except
23 that members of the council who are also members of the legislature
24 shall be reimbursed at the rates provided by RCW 44.04.120.

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

27 The municipal research council shall contract for the provision of
28 municipal research and services to cities ~~((and))~~ towns, and counties.
29 Contracts for municipal research and services shall be made with state
30 agencies, educational institutions, or private consulting firms, that
31 in the judgment of council members are qualified to provide such
32 research and services. Contracts for staff support may be made with
33 state agencies, educational institutions, or private consulting firms
34 that in the judgment of the council members are qualified to provide
35 such support.

36 Municipal research and services shall consist of: (1) Studying and
37 researching ~~((municipal))~~ city, town, and county government and issues
38 relating to ~~((municipal))~~ city, town, and county government; (2)

1 acquiring, preparing, and distributing publications related to
2 (~~municipal~~) city, town, and county government and issues relating to
3 (~~municipal~~) city, town, and county government; (3) providing
4 educational conferences relating to (~~municipal~~) city, town, and
5 county government and issues relating to (~~municipal~~) city, town, and
6 county government; and (4) furnishing legal, technical, consultative,
7 and field services to cities (~~and~~), towns, and counties concerning
8 planning, public health, utility services, fire protection, law
9 enforcement, public works, and other issues relating to (~~municipal~~)
10 city, town, and county government. Requests for legal services by
11 county officials shall be sent to the office of the county prosecuting
12 attorney. Responses by the municipal research council to county
13 requests for legal services shall be provided to the requesting
14 official and the county prosecuting attorney.

15 The activities, programs, and services of the municipal research
16 council shall be carried on, and all expenditures shall be made, in
17 cooperation with the cities and towns of the state acting through the
18 board of directors of the association of Washington cities, which is
19 recognized as their official agency or instrumentality, and in
20 cooperation with counties of the state acting through the Washington
21 state association of counties. Services to cities and towns shall be
22 based upon the moneys appropriated to the municipal research council
23 under RCW 82.44.160. Services to counties shall be based upon the
24 moneys appropriated to the municipal research council from the county
25 research services account under section 3 of this act.

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

28 A special account is created in the state treasury to be known as
29 the county research services account. The account shall consist of all
30 money transferred to the account under RCW 82.08.170 or otherwise
31 transferred or appropriated to the account by the legislature. Moneys
32 in the account may be spent only after appropriation. The account is
33 subject to the allotment process under chapter 43.88 RCW.

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

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

1 (~~On the first day of~~) (1) During the months of January, April,
2 July and October of each year, the state treasurer shall make the
3 apportionment and distribution of all moneys in the liquor excise tax
4 fund to the counties, cities and towns in the following proportions:
5 Twenty percent of the moneys in said liquor excise tax fund shall be
6 divided among and distributed to the counties of the state in
7 accordance with the provisions of RCW 66.08.200; eighty percent of the
8 moneys in said liquor excise tax fund shall be divided among and
9 distributed to the cities and towns of the state in accordance with the
10 provisions of RCW 66.08.210.

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

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

19 Appropriations of funds to the municipal research council from
20 motor vehicle excise taxes shall not be subject to allotment by the
21 office of financial management.

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

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