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

7   "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that while government
8 services are provided to the citizens of the state of Washington
9 through many mechanisms, the most prevalent delivery of services occurs
10 through city, county, or state government actions. Increased demand
11 for these services and limited revenue to meet those services have led
12 to unproductive competition between cities, counties, and the state for
13 the revenue that is collected and shared between cities, counties, and
14 the state.

15   Therefore, the legislature finds that there is a need to evaluate
16 the delivery of government services, the allotment of revenues, and the
17 collection and distribution of various fines and forfeitures through
18 the establishment of a joint task force on local governments.

19   The legislature further finds that rules adopted by state agencies
20 cause local governments to allocate funds to meet those rules that are
21 not fully funded at the state level.

22   The legislature further finds that the state must recognize the
23 costs to local governments of rules adopted by state agencies and
24 mitigate the financial impacts of those rules for a significant period
25 to allow local governments to develop strategies to comply with the
26 requirements of Initiative Measure No. 695.

27   NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) The joint task force on local
28 governments is created, to consist of seventeen members including:
29   (a) The following four members of the house of representatives or
30 their designees: (i) The chair and ranking minority member or the
31 cochairs of the committee on appropriations; and (ii) the chair and
32 ranking minority member or the cochairs of the committee on local
33 government;
34   (b) The following four members of the senate or their designees:
35 (i) The chair and the ranking minority member of the committee on ways

1 and means; and (ii) the chair and ranking minority member of the
2 committee on state and local government;
3   (c) One member from the office of the governor;
4   (d) Four members from the association of Washington cities;
5   (e) Two members from the Washington state association of counties;
6 and
7   (f) Two members from the Washington association of county
8 officials.
9   (2) The nonlegislative members of the task force shall serve
10 without compensation, but will be reimbursed for travel expenses as
11 provided in RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060. Legislative members of the
12 task force will be reimbursed for travel expenses as provided in RCW
13 44.04.120. The staff of senate committee services and the office of
14 program research of the house of representatives shall provide support
15 to the task force.
16   (3) The task force must be cochaired by one senator, chosen by the
17 task force, and one state representative, chosen by the task force,
18 from opposite political parties. The cochairs shall appoint experts
19 and advisors as nonvoting members of the task force to provide
20 information on various subjects, including but not limited to special
21 purpose districts and public employee unions. The task force shall
22 establish rules of procedure at its first meeting.

23   NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The joint task force on local governments
24 shall:
25   (1) Complete a thorough study of the delivery of government
26 services, allotment of revenues, and collection and distribution of
27 various fines and forfeitures; and
28   (2) Commence the study by July 1, 2000, present an interim report
29 of its findings and any recommendations to the legislature by January
30 30, 2001, and present a final report, including proposed legislation,
31 addressing its recommendations to the legislature by January 1, 2002.

32   NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** This act expires March 30, 2002."

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4   On page 1, line 2 of the title, after "services;" strike the
5 remainder of the title and insert "creating new sections; and providing
6 an expiration date."

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