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By House Committee on Local Government (originally sponsored by Representatives Mulliken, Doumit, Mielke, Scott, Ericksen, Fortunato, Hatfield, Schindler, Dunn, Thomas, D. Sommers and Esser)

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1 TO THE HONORABLE GARY LOCKE, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

2 We, your Memorialists, the Senate and House of Representatives of
3 the State of Washington, in legislative session assembled, respectfully
4 represent and petition as follows:

5 WHEREAS, Local governments have experienced and may continue to
6 experience significant budget impacts from the passage of Chapter 1,
7 Laws of 2000 (Initiative Measure No. 695); and

8 WHEREAS, As a result of Chapter 1, Laws of 2000 (Initiative Measure
9 No. 695), local governments are reviewing their budgets, establishing
10 priorities, and identifying costs of local government services and
11 programs; and

12 WHEREAS, Chapter 2, Laws of 1994 (Initiative Measure No. 601)
13 required the state to consider the costs imposed on local governments
14 by laws requiring new programs and increased levels of service; and

15 WHEREAS, Rules adopted by state agencies may create substantial
16 costs for local governments; and

17 WHEREAS, It is in the best interests of local governments and the
18 state to mitigate the financial impacts of rules adopted by state
19 agencies for a sufficient period to allow local governments to develop
20 strategies to comply with the requirements of Chapter 1, Laws of 2000
21 (Initiative Measure No. 695).

1 NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully pray that the
2 Governor immediately issue an executive order requiring state agencies
3 to: (1) Examine the impacts of all proposed rules to determine if they
4 will result in increased costs for local governments; (2) notify
5 associations of local governments of proposed rules affecting their
6 membership if it is determined that the rules will result in increased
7 costs or added administrative burdens for local governments; (3)
8 utilize rule development processes specified in chapter 34.05 RCW, the
9 administrative procedure act, to mitigate cost impacts of proposed
10 rules on local governments; (4) ensure that adoption of new rules and
11 rule amendments is consistent with the principles and requirements of
12 the governor's executive order 97-02, particularly those that emphasize
13 demonstration of need, effectiveness and efficiency, clarity,
14 consistency with legislative intent, coordination with other
15 jurisdictions and partnership with local governments, consideration of
16 cost, and fairness; and (5) utilize rule development mechanisms to
17 ensure that cost impacts are minimized and participation in rule
18 development is maximized. Examples include usability testing of rules
19 and other intensive stakeholder involvement methods.

20 BE IT RESOLVED, That copies of this Memorial be immediately
21 transmitted to the Honorable Gary Locke, Governor of the State of
22 Washington.

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