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3 By Committee on State & Local Government

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

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 44.04 RCW  
8 to read as follows:

9 The joint legislative audit and review committee, the legislative  
10 transportation committee, the joint committee on pension policy, the  
11 legislative evaluation and accountability program committee, and the  
12 joint legislative systems committee are subject to such operational  
13 policies, procedures, and oversight as are deemed necessary by the  
14 facilities and operations committee of the senate and the executive  
15 rules committee of the house of representatives to ensure operational  
16 adequacy of the agencies of the legislative branch. As used in this  
17 section, "operational policies, procedures, and oversight" includes the  
18 development process of biennial budgets, contracting procedures,  
19 personnel policies, and compensation plans, selection of a chief  
20 administrator, facilities, and expenditures.

21 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 44.28 RCW  
22 to read as follows:

23 The administration of the joint legislative audit and review  
24 committee is subject to section 1 of this act.

25 **Sec. 3.** RCW 44.28.060 and 1996 c 288 s 7 are each amended to read  
26 as follows:

27 The members of the joint committee shall form an executive  
28 committee consisting of one member from each of the four major  
29 political caucuses, which shall include a chair and a vice-chair. The  
30 chair and vice-chair shall serve for a period not to exceed two years.  
31 The chair and the vice-chair may not be members of the same political  
32 party. The chair shall alternate between the members of the majority  
33 parties in the senate and the house of representatives.

1        Subject to section 1 of this act, the executive committee is  
2 responsible for performing all general administrative and personnel  
3 duties assigned to it in the rules and procedures adopted by the joint  
4 committee, as well as other duties delegated to it by the joint  
5 committee. The executive committee shall recommend applicants for the  
6 position of the legislative auditor to the membership of the joint  
7 committee. The legislative auditor shall be hired with the approval of  
8 a majority of the membership of the joint committee. Subject to  
9 section 1 of this act, the executive committee shall set the salary of  
10 the legislative auditor.

11        The joint committee shall adopt rules and procedures for its  
12 orderly operation. The joint committee may create subcommittees to  
13 perform duties under this chapter.

14        **Sec. 4.** RCW 44.28.065 and 1996 c 288 s 8 are each amended to read  
15 as follows:

16        The legislative auditor shall:

17        (1) Establish and manage the office of the joint legislative audit  
18 and review committee to carry out the functions of this chapter;

19        (2) Direct the audit and review functions described in this chapter  
20 and ensure that performance audits are performed in accordance with the  
21 "Government Auditing Standards" published by the comptroller general of  
22 the United States as applicable to the scope of the audit;

23        (3) Make findings and recommendations to the joint committee and  
24 under its direction to the committees of the state legislature  
25 concerning the organization and operation of state agencies and the  
26 expenditure of state funds by units of local government;

27        (4) Subject to section 1 of this act, in consultation with and with  
28 the approval of the executive committee, hire staff necessary to carry  
29 out the purposes of this chapter. Subject to section 1 of this act,  
30 employee salaries, other than the legislative auditor, shall be set by  
31 the legislative auditor with the approval of the executive committee;

32        (5) Assist the several standing committees of the house and senate  
33 in consideration of legislation affecting state departments and their  
34 efficiency; appear before other legislative committees; and assist any  
35 other legislative committee upon instruction by the joint legislative  
36 audit and review committee;

37        (6) Provide the legislature with information obtained under the  
38 direction of the joint legislative audit and review committee;

1 (7) Maintain a record of all work performed by the legislative  
2 auditor under the direction of the joint legislative audit and review  
3 committee and keep and make available all documents, data, and reports  
4 submitted to the legislative auditor by any legislative committee.

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** A new section is added to chapter 44.40 RCW  
6 to read as follows:

7 The administration of the legislative transportation committee is  
8 subject to section 1 of this act.

9 **Sec. 6.** RCW 44.40.015 and 1999 sp.s. c 1 s 617 are each amended to  
10 read as follows:

11 The members of the legislative transportation committee shall form  
12 an executive committee consisting of two members from each of the four  
13 major political caucuses, which will include the chair and vice-chair  
14 of the legislative transportation committee. There will be four  
15 alternates to the executive committee, one from each of the four major  
16 political caucuses. Each alternate may represent a member from the  
17 same political caucus from which they were chosen when that member is  
18 absent, and have voting privileges during that absence.

19 Subject to section 1 of this act, the executive committee is  
20 responsible for performing all general administrative and personnel  
21 duties assigned to it in the rules and procedures adopted by the  
22 committee, determining the number of legislative transportation  
23 committee staff, and other duties delegated to it by the committee.  
24 Except when those responsibilities are assumed by the legislative  
25 transportation committee, and subject to section 1 of this act, the  
26 executive committee is responsible for adopting interim work plans and  
27 meeting schedules, approving all contracts signed on behalf of the  
28 committee, and setting policies for legislative transportation  
29 (~~committee~~ ~~[committee]~~) committee staff utilization.

30 **Sec. 7.** RCW 44.40.040 and 1979 c 151 s 157 are each amended to  
31 read as follows:

32 The members of the legislative transportation committee and the  
33 house and senate transportation committees shall receive allowances  
34 while attending meetings of the committees or subcommittees and while  
35 engaged in other authorized business of the committees as provided in  
36 RCW 44.04.120 (~~as now or hereafter amended~~). Subject to section 1 of

1 this act, all expenses incurred by the committee, and the house and  
2 senate transportation committees, including salaries of employees of  
3 the legislative transportation committee, shall be paid upon voucher  
4 forms as provided by the office of financial management and signed by  
5 the chairman or vice chairman or authorized designee of the chairman of  
6 the committee, and the authority of said chairman or vice chairman to  
7 sign vouchers shall continue until their successors are selected.  
8 Vouchers may be drawn upon funds appropriated for the expenses of the  
9 committee.

10 **Sec. 8.** RCW 44.40.090 and 1977 ex.s. c 235 s 10 are each amended  
11 to read as follows:

12 Subject to section 1 of this act, powers and duties enumerated by  
13 this chapter shall be delegated to the senate and house transportation  
14 committees during periods when the legislative transportation committee  
15 is not appointed.

16 **Sec. 9.** RCW 44.40.100 and 1977 ex.s. c 235 s 11 are each amended  
17 to read as follows:

18 Subject to section 1 of this act, the legislative transportation  
19 committee (~~(and/or)~~) and the senate and house transportation committees  
20 may enter into contracts on behalf of the state to carry out the  
21 purposes of this chapter (~~((44.40 RCW as amended))~~); and it or they may  
22 act for the state in the initiation of or participation in any  
23 multigovernmental program relative to transportation planning or  
24 programming; and it or they may enter into contracts to receive federal  
25 or other funds, grants, or gifts to carry out said purposes and to be  
26 used in preference to or in combination with state funds. When federal  
27 or other funds are received, they shall be deposited with the state  
28 treasurer and thereafter expended only upon approval by the committee  
29 or committees.

30 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 10.** A new section is added to chapter 44.44 RCW  
31 to read as follows:

32 The administration of the joint committee on pension policy is  
33 subject to section 1 of this act.

34 **Sec. 11.** RCW 44.44.030 and 1987 c 25 s 2 are each amended to read  
35 as follows:

1       (1) Subject to section 1 of this act, the state actuary shall have  
2 the authority to select and employ such research, technical, clerical  
3 personnel, and consultants as the actuary deems necessary, whose  
4 salaries shall be fixed by the actuary and approved by the joint  
5 committee on pension policy, and who shall be exempt from the  
6 provisions of the state civil service law, chapter 41.06 RCW.

7       (2) All actuarial valuations and experience studies performed by  
8 the office of the state actuary shall be signed by a member of the  
9 American academy of actuaries. If the state actuary is not such a  
10 member, the state actuary, after approval by the committee, shall  
11 contract for a period not to exceed two years with a member of the  
12 American academy of actuaries to assist in developing actuarial  
13 valuations and experience studies.

14       NEW SECTION. Sec. 12. A new section is added to chapter 44.48 RCW  
15 to read as follows:

16       The administration of the legislative evaluation and accountability  
17 program committee is subject to section 1 of this act.

18       **Sec. 13.** RCW 44.48.050 and 1977 ex.s. c 373 s 5 are each amended  
19 to read as follows:

20       Subject to section 1 of this act, all expenses incurred by the  
21 committee, including salaries and expenses of employees, shall be paid  
22 upon voucher forms as provided by the administrator and signed by the  
23 chairman or vice chairman of the committee and attested by the  
24 secretary of said committee, and the authority of said chairman and  
25 secretary to sign vouchers shall continue until their successors are  
26 selected after each ensuing session of the legislature. Vouchers may  
27 be drawn on funds appropriated by law for the committee: PROVIDED,  
28 That the senate and the house may authorize the committee to draw on  
29 funds appropriated by the legislature for legislative expenses.

30       **Sec. 14.** RCW 44.48.090 and 1979 c 151 s 158 are each amended to  
31 read as follows:

32       The committee shall have the following powers:

33       (1) To have timely access, upon written request of the  
34 administrator, to all machine readable, printed, and other data of  
35 state agencies relative to expenditures, budgets, and related fiscal  
36 matters;

1 (2) To suggest changes relative to state accounting and reporting  
2 systems to the office of financial management or its successor and to  
3 require timely written responses to such suggestions; and

4 (3) Subject to section 1 of this act, to enter into contracts; and  
5 when entering into any contract for computer access, make necessary  
6 provisions relative to the scheduling of computer time and usage in  
7 recognition of the unique requirements and priorities of the  
8 legislative process.

9 **Sec. 15.** RCW 44.48.120 and 1977 ex.s. c 373 s 12 are each amended  
10 to read as follows:

11 The committee is hereby authorized and empowered to appoint an  
12 officer to be known as the LEAP administrator who shall be the  
13 executive officer of the committee and assist in its duties and shall  
14 compile information for the committee.

15 Subject to section 1 of this act, the committee is hereby  
16 authorized and empowered to select and employ temporary and permanent  
17 personnel and fix their salaries.

18 The duties of the administrator shall be as follows:

19 (1) To manage the LEAP operations.

20 (2) To assist the several standing committees of the house and  
21 senate; to appear before other legislative committees; and to assist  
22 any other legislative committee upon instruction by the committee.

23 (3) To provide the legislature with information obtained under the  
24 direction of the committee.

25 (4) To maintain a record of all work performed by the administrator  
26 under the direction of the committee and to keep and make available all  
27 documents, data, and reports submitted to the administrator by any  
28 legislative committee.

29 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 16.** A new section is added to chapter 44.68 RCW  
30 to read as follows:

31 The administration of the joint legislative systems committee is  
32 subject to section 1 of this act.

33 **Sec. 17.** RCW 44.68.040 and 1986 c 61 s 4 are each amended to read  
34 as follows:

35 Subject to section 1 of this act:

1 (1) The systems committee, after consultation with the  
2 administrative committee, shall employ a legislative systems  
3 coordinator. The coordinator shall serve at the pleasure of the  
4 systems committee, which shall fix the coordinator's salary.

5 (2) The coordinator shall serve as the executive and administrative  
6 head of the center, and shall assist the administrative committee in  
7 managing the information processing and communications systems of the  
8 legislature as directed by the administrative committee.

9 **Sec. 18.** RCW 44.68.050 and 1986 c 61 s 5 are each amended to read  
10 as follows:

11 The administrative committee shall, subject to the approval of the  
12 systems committee and subject to section 1 of this act:

13 (1) Adopt policies, procedures, and standards regarding the  
14 information processing and communications systems of the legislature;

15 (2) Establish appropriate charges for services, equipment, and  
16 publications provided by the legislative information processing and  
17 communications systems, applicable to legislative and nonlegislative  
18 users as determined by the administrative committee;

19 (3) Employ or engage and fix the compensation for personnel  
20 required to carry out the purposes of this chapter;

21 (4) Enter into contracts for (a) the sale, exchange, or acquisition  
22 of equipment, supplies, services, and facilities required to carry out  
23 the purposes of this chapter and (b) the distribution of legislative  
24 information;

25 (5) Generally assist the systems committee in carrying out its  
26 responsibilities under this chapter, as directed by the systems  
27 committee."

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31 In line 1 of the title, after "legislature;" strike the remainder  
32 of the title and insert "amending RCW 44.28.060, 44.28.065, 44.40.015,  
33 44.40.040, 44.40.090, 44.40.100, 44.44.030, 44.48.050, 44.48.090,  
34 44.48.120, 44.68.040, and 44.68.050; adding a new section to chapter  
35 44.04 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 44.28 RCW; adding a new  
36 section to chapter 44.40 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 44.44

1 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 44.48 RCW; and adding a new  
2 section to chapter 44.68 RCW."

EFFECT: (1) Clarifies that "operational policies, procedures, and oversight" includes development of contracting procedures (not all contracts).

(2) Adds Legislative Transportation Committee to those committees subject to oversight.

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