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HOUSE BILL 2169

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By Representative Alexander

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1 AN ACT Relating to fire districts' options for issuing warrants;  
2 and amending RCW 52.16.050.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 52.16.050 and 1998 c 5 s 1 are each amended to read as  
5 follows:

6 (1) Except as provided in subsections (2) and (3) of this section,  
7 the county treasurer (~~shall~~) may pay out money received for the  
8 account of the district on warrants issued by the county auditor  
9 against the proper funds of the district. The warrants shall be issued  
10 on vouchers approved and signed by a majority of the district board and  
11 by the district secretary.

12 (2) The board of fire commissioners of a district that had an  
13 annual operating budget of five million or more dollars in each of the  
14 preceding three years may by resolution adopt a policy to issue its own  
15 warrants for payment of claims or other obligations of the fire  
16 district. The board of fire commissioners, after auditing all payrolls  
17 and bills, may authorize the issuing of one general certificate to the  
18 county treasurer, to be signed by the chair of the board of fire  
19 commissioners, authorizing the county treasurer to pay all the warrants

1 specified by date, number, name, and amount, and the accounting funds  
2 on which the warrants shall be drawn; thereupon the district secretary  
3 may issue the warrants specified in the general certificate.

4 (3) The board of fire commissioners of a district that had an  
5 annual operating budget of under five million dollars in each of the  
6 preceding three years may upon agreement between the county auditor and  
7 the fire district commission, with approval of the fire district  
8 commission by resolution, adopt a policy to issue its own warrants for  
9 payment of claims or other obligations of the fire district. The board  
10 of fire commissioners, after auditing all payrolls and bills, may  
11 authorize the issuing of one general certificate to the county  
12 treasurer, to be signed by the chair of the board of fire  
13 commissioners, authorizing the county treasurer to pay all the warrants  
14 specified by date, number, name, and amount, and the accounting funds  
15 on which the warrants shall be drawn. The district secretary may then  
16 issue the warrants specified in the general certificate.

17 (4) The county treasurer may also pay general obligation bonds and  
18 the accrued interest thereon in accordance with their terms from the  
19 general obligation bond fund when interest or principal payments become  
20 due. The county treasurer shall report in writing monthly to the  
21 secretary of the district the amount of money held by the county in  
22 each fund and the amounts of receipts and disbursements for each fund  
23 during the preceding month.

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