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By Representatives Chase, Kirby, Dunshee, Mielke, Mulliken, Crouse and Miloscia

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1            AN ACT Relating to transmitting city and town budgets to the  
2 municipal research and services center; amending RCW 35.33.075,  
3 35.34.120, 35.34.130, 35A.33.075, 35A.34.120, and 35A.34.130; and  
4 creating a new section.

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

6            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.** A number of statutory references require  
7 cities and towns to send completed copies of their final budgets to the  
8 association of Washington cities. It is actually the municipal  
9 research and services center of Washington that stores the final  
10 budgets of cities and towns in their municipal library. It is the  
11 legislature's intent to amend the law to require cities and towns to  
12 transmit completed copies of their final budgets directly to the  
13 municipal research and services center rather than to the association  
14 of Washington cities.

15            **Sec. 2.** RCW 35.33.075 and 1995 c 301 s 41 are each amended to read  
16 as follows:

17            Following conclusion of the hearing, and prior to the beginning of  
18 the fiscal year, the legislative body shall make such adjustments and

1 changes as it deems necessary or proper and after determining the  
2 allowance in each item, department, classification and fund, and shall  
3 by ordinance, adopt the budget in its final form and content.  
4 Appropriations shall be limited to the total estimated revenues  
5 contained therein including the amount to be raised by ad valorem taxes  
6 and the unencumbered fund balances estimated to be available at the  
7 close of the current fiscal year. Such ordinances may adopt the final  
8 budget by reference: PROVIDED, That the ordinance adopting such budget  
9 shall set forth in summary form the totals of estimated revenues and  
10 appropriations for each separate fund and the aggregate totals for all  
11 such funds combined.

12 A complete copy of the final budget as adopted shall be transmitted  
13 to the (~~association of Washington cities~~) municipal research council  
14 or its designee.

15 **Sec. 3.** RCW 35.34.120 and 1995 c 301 s 45 are each amended to read  
16 as follows:

17 Following conclusion of the hearing, and prior to the beginning of  
18 the fiscal biennium, the legislative body shall make such adjustments  
19 and changes as it deems necessary or proper and, after determining the  
20 allowance in each item, department, classification, and fund, shall by  
21 ordinance adopt the budget in its final form and content.  
22 Appropriations shall be limited to the total estimated revenues  
23 contained therein including the amount to be raised by ad valorem taxes  
24 and the unencumbered fund balances estimated to be available at the  
25 close of the current fiscal biennium. Such ordinances may adopt the  
26 final budget by reference. However, the ordinance adopting the budget  
27 shall set forth in summary form the totals of estimated revenues and  
28 appropriations for each separate fund and the aggregate totals for all  
29 such funds combined.

30 A complete copy of the final budget as adopted shall be transmitted  
31 to the state auditor and to the (~~association of Washington cities~~)  
32 municipal research council or its designee.

33 **Sec. 4.** RCW 35.34.130 and 1995 c 301 s 46 are each amended to read  
34 as follows:

35 The legislative authority of a city or town having adopted the  
36 provisions of this chapter shall provide by ordinance for a mid-  
37 biennial review and modification of the biennial budget. The ordinance

1 shall provide that such review and modification shall occur no sooner  
2 than eight months after the start nor later than conclusion of the  
3 first year of the fiscal biennium. The chief administrative officer  
4 shall prepare the proposed budget modification and shall provide for  
5 publication of notice of hearings consistent with publication of  
6 notices for adoption of other city or town ordinances. City or town  
7 ordinances providing for a mid-biennium review and modification shall  
8 establish procedures for distribution of the proposed modification to  
9 members of the city or town legislative authority, procedures for  
10 making copies available to the public, and shall provide for public  
11 hearings on the proposed budget modification. The budget modification  
12 shall be by ordinance approved in the same manner as are other  
13 ordinances of the city or town.

14 A complete copy of the budget modification as adopted shall be  
15 transmitted to the state auditor and to the (~~association of Washington~~  
16 ~~cities~~) municipal research council or its designee.

17 **Sec. 5.** RCW 35A.33.075 and 1995 c 301 s 53 are each amended to  
18 read as follows:

19 Following conclusion of the hearing, and prior to the beginning of  
20 the fiscal year, the legislative body shall make such adjustments and  
21 changes as it deems necessary or proper and after determining the  
22 allowance in each item, department, classification and fund, and shall  
23 by ordinance, adopt the budget in its final form and content.  
24 Appropriations shall be limited to the total estimated revenues  
25 contained therein including the amount to be raised by ad valorem taxes  
26 and the unencumbered fund balances estimated to be available at the  
27 close of the current fiscal year. Such ordinances may adopt the final  
28 budget by reference: PROVIDED, That the ordinance adopting such budget  
29 shall set forth in summary form the totals of estimated revenues and  
30 appropriations for each separate fund and the aggregate totals for all  
31 such funds combined.

32 A complete copy of the final budget as adopted shall be transmitted  
33 to the state auditor(~~(-)~~) and to the (~~association of Washington~~  
34 ~~cities~~) municipal research council or its designee.

35 **Sec. 6.** RCW 35A.34.120 and 1995 c 301 s 57 are each amended to  
36 read as follows:

1       Following conclusion of the hearing, and prior to the beginning of  
2 the fiscal biennium, the legislative body shall make such adjustments  
3 and changes as it deems necessary or proper and, after determining the  
4 allowance in each item, department, classification, and fund, shall by  
5 ordinance adopt the budget in its final form and content.  
6 Appropriations shall be limited to the total estimated revenues  
7 contained therein including the amount to be raised by ad valorem taxes  
8 and the unencumbered fund balances estimated to be available at the  
9 close of the current fiscal biennium. Such ordinances may adopt the  
10 final budget by reference. However, the ordinance adopting the budget  
11 shall set forth in summary form the totals of estimated revenues and  
12 appropriations for each separate fund and the aggregate totals for all  
13 such funds combined.

14       A complete copy of the final budget as adopted shall be transmitted  
15 to the state auditor and to the (~~association of Washington cities~~)  
16 municipal research council or its designee.

17       **Sec. 7.** RCW 35A.34.130 and 1995 c 301 s 58 are each amended to  
18 read as follows:

19       The legislative authority of a city having adopted the provisions  
20 of this chapter shall provide by ordinance for a mid-biennial review  
21 and modification of the biennial budget. The ordinance shall provide  
22 that such review and modification shall occur no sooner than eight  
23 months after the start nor later than conclusion of the first year of  
24 the fiscal biennium. The chief administrative officer shall prepare  
25 the proposed budget modification and shall provide for publication of  
26 notice of hearings consistent with publication of notices for adoption  
27 of other city ordinances. City ordinances providing for a mid-biennium  
28 review and modification shall establish procedures for distribution of  
29 the proposed modification to members of the city legislative authority,  
30 procedures for making copies available to the public, and shall provide  
31 for public hearings on the proposed budget modification. The budget  
32 modification shall be by ordinance approved in the same manner as are  
33 other ordinances of the city.

34       A complete copy of the budget modification as adopted shall be  
35 transmitted to the state auditor and to the (~~association of Washington~~  
36 ~~cities~~) municipal research council or its designee.

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