

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2169**

57th Legislature  
2002 Regular Session

Passed by the House March 9, 2002  
Yeas 94 Nays 0

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**Speaker of the House of Representatives**

Passed by the Senate March 5, 2002  
Yeas 43 Nays 4

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**President of the Senate**

Approved

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**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Cynthia Zehnder, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2169** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

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**Chief Clerk**

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**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**

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AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

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**By** House Committee on Local Government & Housing (originally sponsored by Representative Alexander)

Read first time 01/14/2002. Referred to Committee on .

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 pay out money received for the account of  
8 the district on warrants issued by the county auditor against the  
9 proper funds of the district. The warrants shall be issued on vouchers  
10 approved and signed by a majority of the district board and by the  
11 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 greater than two hundred fifty thousand  
6 dollars and under five million dollars in each of the preceding three  
7 years may upon agreement between the county treasurer and the fire  
8 district commission, with approval of the fire district commission by  
9 resolution, adopt a policy to issue its own warrants for payment of  
10 claims or other obligations of the fire district. The board of fire  
11 commissioners, after auditing all payrolls and bills, may authorize the  
12 issuing of one general certificate to the county treasurer, to be  
13 signed by the chair of the board of fire commissioners, authorizing the  
14 county treasurer to pay all the warrants specified by date, number,  
15 name, and amount, and the accounting funds on which the warrants shall  
16 be drawn. The district secretary may then issue the warrants specified  
17 in the general certificate.

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

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