
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5319

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By Senate Committee on State & Local Government (originally sponsored by Senators Haugen, Horn and Gardner)

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1 AN ACT Relating to the municipal research council; amending RCW
2 43.110.010 and 43.110.030; providing an effective date; and declaring
3 an emergency.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.110.010 and 1997 c 437 s 1 are each amended to read
6 as follows:

7 There shall be a state agency which shall be known as the municipal
8 research council. The council shall be composed of ~~((twenty-three))~~
9 fourteen members. ~~((Four))~~ Two members shall be appointed by the
10 president of the senate, with equal representation from each of the two
11 major political parties; ~~((four))~~ two members shall be appointed by the
12 speaker of the house of representatives, with equal representation from
13 each of the two major political parties; one member shall be
14 ~~((appointed by the governor independently))~~ the director of community,
15 trade, and economic development; ~~((nine))~~ six members, who shall be
16 city or town officials, shall be appointed by the governor from a list
17 of ~~((nine))~~ six nominees submitted by the board of directors of the
18 association of Washington cities; and ~~((five))~~ three members, who shall
19 be county officials, shall be appointed by the governor, ~~((two))~~ one of

1 whom shall be (~~from a list of two nominees~~) a nominee submitted by
2 the board of directors of the Washington association of county
3 officials, and (~~three~~) two of whom shall be from a list of (~~three~~)
4 two nominees submitted by the board of directors of the Washington
5 state association of counties. Of the city or town officials, at least
6 one shall be an official of a city having a population of twenty
7 thousand or more; at least one shall be an official of a city having a
8 population of one thousand five hundred to twenty thousand; and at
9 least one shall be an official of a town having a population of less
10 than one thousand five hundred.

11 The terms of members shall be for two years. The terms of those
12 members who are appointed as legislators or city, town, or county
13 officials shall be dependent upon continuance in legislative, city,
14 town, or county office. The terms of all members except legislative
15 members shall commence on the first day of August in every odd-numbered
16 year. The speaker of the house of representatives and the president of
17 the senate shall make their appointments on or before the third Monday
18 in January in each odd-numbered year, and the terms of the members thus
19 appointed shall commence on the third Monday of January in each odd-
20 numbered year.

21 Council members shall receive no compensation but shall be
22 reimbursed for travel expenses at rates in accordance with RCW
23 43.03.050 and 43.03.060 as now existing or hereafter amended, except
24 that members of the council who are also members of the legislature
25 shall be reimbursed at the rates provided by RCW 44.04.120.

26 **Sec. 2.** RCW 43.110.030 and 2000 c 227 s 3 are each amended to read
27 as follows:

28 The municipal research council shall contract for the provision of
29 municipal research and services to cities, towns, and counties.
30 Contracts for municipal research and services shall be made with state
31 agencies, educational institutions, or private consulting firms, that
32 in the judgment of council members are qualified to provide such
33 research and services. Contracts for staff support may be made with
34 state agencies, educational institutions, or private consulting firms
35 that in the judgment of the council members are qualified to provide
36 such support.

37 Municipal research and services shall consist of: (1) Studying and
38 researching city, town, and county government and issues relating to

1 city, town, and county government; (2) acquiring, preparing, and
2 distributing publications related to city, town, and county government
3 and issues relating to city, town, and county government; (3) providing
4 educational conferences relating to city, town, and county government
5 and issues relating to city, town, and county government; and (4)
6 furnishing legal, technical, consultative, and field services to
7 cities, towns, and counties concerning planning, public health, utility
8 services, fire protection, law enforcement, public works, and other
9 issues relating to city, town, and county government. ((Requests for
10 legal services by county officials shall be sent to the office of the
11 county prosecuting attorney. Responses by the municipal research
12 council to county requests for legal services shall be provided to the
13 requesting official and the county prosecuting attorney.))

14 The activities, programs, and services of the municipal research
15 council shall be carried on in cooperation with the association of
16 Washington cities and the Washington state association of counties.
17 Services to cities and towns shall be based upon the moneys
18 appropriated to the municipal research council from the city and town
19 research services account under RCW 43.110.060. Services to counties
20 shall be based upon the moneys appropriated to the municipal research
21 council from the county research services account under RCW 43.110.050.

22 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act is necessary for the immediate
23 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
24 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect
25 June 1, 2001.

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