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By Senators Haugen, McCaslin, Winsley, Wood and Palmer

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1 AN ACT Relating to distribution of moneys to the municipal research  
2 council; and reenacting RCW 82.44.160.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 82.44.160 and 1990 c 104 s 3 and 1990 c 42 s 310 are  
5 each reenacted to read as follows:

6 Before distributing moneys to the cities and towns from the general  
7 fund, as provided in RCW 82.44.155, and from the municipal sales and  
8 use tax equalization account, as provided in RCW 82.14.210, the state  
9 treasurer shall, on the first day of July of each year, make an annual  
10 deduction therefrom of a sum equal to one-half of the biennial  
11 appropriation made pursuant to this section, which amount shall be at  
12 least seven cents per capita of the population of all cities or towns  
13 as legally certified on that date, determined as provided in RCW  
14 82.44.150, which sum shall be apportioned and transmitted to the  
15 municipal research council, herein created. Sixty-five percent of the  
16 annual deduction shall be from the distribution to cities and towns  
17 under RCW 82.44.155, and thirty-five percent of the annual deduction  
18 shall be from the distribution to the municipal sales and use tax  
19 equalization account under RCW 82.14.210. The municipal research

1 council may contract with and allocate moneys to any state agency,  
2 educational institution, or private consulting firm, which in its  
3 judgment is qualified to carry on a municipal research and service  
4 program. Moneys may be utilized to match federal funds available for  
5 technical research and service programs to cities and towns. Moneys  
6 allocated shall be used for studies and research in municipal  
7 government, publications, educational, conferences, and attendance  
8 thereat, and in furnishing technical, consultative, and field services  
9 to cities and towns in problems relating to planning, public health,  
10 municipal sanitation, fire protection, law enforcement, postwar  
11 improvements, and public works, and in all matters relating to city and  
12 town government. The programs shall be carried on and all expenditures  
13 shall be made in cooperation with the cities and towns of the state  
14 acting through the Association of Washington Cities by its board of  
15 directors which is hereby recognized as their official agency or  
16 instrumentality.

17 Funds appropriated to the municipal research council shall be kept  
18 in the treasury in the general fund, and shall be disbursed by warrant  
19 or check to contracting parties on invoices or vouchers certified by  
20 the chair of the municipal research council or his or her designee.  
21 Payments to public agencies may be made in advance of actual work  
22 contracted for, in the discretion of the council.

23 Sixty-five percent of any moneys remaining unexpended or  
24 uncontracted for by the municipal research council at the end of any  
25 fiscal biennium shall be returned to the general fund and be paid to  
26 cities and towns under RCW 82.44.155. The remaining thirty-five  
27 percent shall be deposited into the municipal sales and use tax  
28 equalization account.

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