

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

Speaker of the House of Representatives

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President of the Senate

Approved

CERTIFICATE

We, Timothy A. Martin and Cynthia Zehnder, Co-Chief Clerks of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1391** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

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State of Washington

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AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

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By House Committee on State Government (originally sponsored by Representatives Kessler and Mastin)

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1 AN ACT Relating to statutory committees of the legislature;
2 amending RCW 44.28.060, 44.28.065, 44.40.015, 44.40.040, 44.40.090,
3 44.40.100, 44.44.030, 44.48.050, 44.48.090, 44.48.120, 44.68.040, and
4 44.68.050; adding a new section to chapter 44.04 RCW; adding a new
5 section to chapter 44.28 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 44.40
6 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 44.44 RCW; adding a new section to
7 chapter 44.48 RCW; and adding a new section to chapter 44.68 RCW.

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

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 44.04 RCW
10 to read as follows:

11 The joint legislative audit and review committee, the legislative
12 transportation committee, the joint committee on pension policy, the
13 legislative evaluation and accountability program committee, and the
14 joint legislative systems committee are subject to such operational
15 policies, procedures, and oversight as are deemed necessary by the
16 facilities and operations committee of the senate and the executive
17 rules committee of the house of representatives to ensure operational
18 adequacy of the agencies of the legislative branch. As used in this
19 section, "operational policies, procedures, and oversight" includes the

1 development process of biennial budgets, contracting procedures,
2 personnel policies, and compensation plans, selection of a chief
3 administrator, facilities, and expenditures. This section does not
4 grant oversight authority to the facilities and operations committee of
5 the senate over any standing committee of the house of representatives
6 or oversight authority to the executive rules committee of the house of
7 representatives over any standing committee of the senate.

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 44.28 RCW
9 to read as follows:

10 The administration of the joint legislative audit and review
11 committee is subject to section 1 of this act.

12 **Sec. 3.** RCW 44.28.060 and 1996 c 288 s 7 are each amended to read
13 as follows:

14 The members of the joint committee shall form an executive
15 committee consisting of one member from each of the four major
16 political caucuses, which shall include a chair and a vice-chair. The
17 chair and vice-chair shall serve for a period not to exceed two years.
18 The chair and the vice-chair may not be members of the same political
19 party. The chair shall alternate between the members of the majority
20 parties in the senate and the house of representatives.

21 Subject to section 1 of this act, the executive committee is
22 responsible for performing all general administrative and personnel
23 duties assigned to it in the rules and procedures adopted by the joint
24 committee, as well as other duties delegated to it by the joint
25 committee. The executive committee shall recommend applicants for the
26 position of the legislative auditor to the membership of the joint
27 committee. The legislative auditor shall be hired with the approval of
28 a majority of the membership of the joint committee. Subject to
29 section 1 of this act, the executive committee shall set the salary of
30 the legislative auditor.

31 The joint committee shall adopt rules and procedures for its
32 orderly operation. The joint committee may create subcommittees to
33 perform duties under this chapter.

34 **Sec. 4.** RCW 44.28.065 and 1996 c 288 s 8 are each amended to read
35 as follows:

36 The legislative auditor shall:

1 (1) Establish and manage the office of the joint legislative audit
2 and review committee to carry out the functions of this chapter;

3 (2) Direct the audit and review functions described in this chapter
4 and ensure that performance audits are performed in accordance with the
5 "Government Auditing Standards" published by the comptroller general of
6 the United States as applicable to the scope of the audit;

7 (3) Make findings and recommendations to the joint committee and
8 under its direction to the committees of the state legislature
9 concerning the organization and operation of state agencies and the
10 expenditure of state funds by units of local government;

11 (4) Subject to section 1 of this act, in consultation with and with
12 the approval of the executive committee, hire staff necessary to carry
13 out the purposes of this chapter. Subject to section 1 of this act,
14 employee salaries, other than the legislative auditor, shall be set by
15 the legislative auditor with the approval of the executive committee;

16 (5) Assist the several standing committees of the house and senate
17 in consideration of legislation affecting state departments and their
18 efficiency; appear before other legislative committees; and assist any
19 other legislative committee upon instruction by the joint legislative
20 audit and review committee;

21 (6) Provide the legislature with information obtained under the
22 direction of the joint legislative audit and review committee;

23 (7) Maintain a record of all work performed by the legislative
24 auditor under the direction of the joint legislative audit and review
25 committee and keep and make available all documents, data, and reports
26 submitted to the legislative auditor by any legislative committee.

27 NEW SECTION. Sec. 5. A new section is added to chapter 44.40 RCW
28 to read as follows:

29 The administration of the legislative transportation committee is
30 subject to section 1 of this act.

31 **Sec. 6.** RCW 44.40.015 and 1999 sp.s. c 1 s 617 are each amended to
32 read as follows:

33 The members of the legislative transportation committee shall form
34 an executive committee consisting of two members from each of the four
35 major political caucuses, which will include the chair and vice-chair
36 of the legislative transportation committee. There will be four
37 alternates to the executive committee, one from each of the four major

1 political caucuses. Each alternate may represent a member from the
2 same political caucus from which they were chosen when that member is
3 absent, and have voting privileges during that absence.

4 Subject to section 1 of this act, the executive committee is
5 responsible for performing all general administrative and personnel
6 duties assigned to it in the rules and procedures adopted by the
7 committee, determining the number of legislative transportation
8 committee staff, and other duties delegated to it by the committee.
9 Except when those responsibilities are assumed by the legislative
10 transportation committee, and subject to section 1 of this act, the
11 executive committee is responsible for adopting interim work plans and
12 meeting schedules, approving all contracts signed on behalf of the
13 committee, and setting policies for legislative transportation
14 (~~committee~~) committee staff utilization.

15 **Sec. 7.** RCW 44.40.040 and 1979 c 151 s 157 are each amended to
16 read as follows:

17 The members of the legislative transportation committee and the
18 house and senate transportation committees shall receive allowances
19 while attending meetings of the committees or subcommittees and while
20 engaged in other authorized business of the committees as provided in
21 RCW 44.04.120 (~~as now or hereafter amended~~). Subject to section 1 of
22 this act, all expenses incurred by the committee, and the house and
23 senate transportation committees, including salaries of employees of
24 the legislative transportation committee, shall be paid upon voucher
25 forms as provided by the office of financial management and signed by
26 the chairman or vice chairman or authorized designee of the chairman of
27 the committee, and the authority of said chairman or vice chairman to
28 sign vouchers shall continue until their successors are selected.
29 Vouchers may be drawn upon funds appropriated for the expenses of the
30 committee.

31 **Sec. 8.** RCW 44.40.090 and 1977 ex.s. c 235 s 10 are each amended
32 to read as follows:

33 Subject to section 1 of this act, powers and duties enumerated by
34 this chapter shall be delegated to the senate and house transportation
35 committees during periods when the legislative transportation committee
36 is not appointed.

1 **Sec. 9.** RCW 44.40.100 and 1977 ex.s. c 235 s 11 are each amended
2 to read as follows:

3 Subject to section 1 of this act, the legislative transportation
4 committee (~~(and/or)~~) and the senate and house transportation committees
5 may enter into contracts on behalf of the state to carry out the
6 purposes of this chapter (~~((44.40 RCW as amended))~~); and it or they may
7 act for the state in the initiation of or participation in any
8 multigovernmental program relative to transportation planning or
9 programming; and it or they may enter into contracts to receive federal
10 or other funds, grants, or gifts to carry out said purposes and to be
11 used in preference to or in combination with state funds. When federal
12 or other funds are received, they shall be deposited with the state
13 treasurer and thereafter expended only upon approval by the committee
14 or committees.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 10.** A new section is added to chapter 44.44 RCW
16 to read as follows:

17 The administration of the joint committee on pension policy is
18 subject to section 1 of this act.

19 **Sec. 11.** RCW 44.44.030 and 1987 c 25 s 2 are each amended to read
20 as follows:

21 (1) Subject to section 1 of this act, the state actuary shall have
22 the authority to select and employ such research, technical, clerical
23 personnel, and consultants as the actuary deems necessary, whose
24 salaries shall be fixed by the actuary and approved by the joint
25 committee on pension policy, and who shall be exempt from the
26 provisions of the state civil service law, chapter 41.06 RCW.

27 (2) All actuarial valuations and experience studies performed by
28 the office of the state actuary shall be signed by a member of the
29 American academy of actuaries. If the state actuary is not such a
30 member, the state actuary, after approval by the committee, shall
31 contract for a period not to exceed two years with a member of the
32 American academy of actuaries to assist in developing actuarial
33 valuations and experience studies.

34 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 12.** A new section is added to chapter 44.48 RCW
35 to read as follows:

1 The administration of the legislative evaluation and accountability
2 program committee is subject to section 1 of this act.

3 **Sec. 13.** RCW 44.48.050 and 1977 ex.s. c 373 s 5 are each amended
4 to read as follows:

5 Subject to section 1 of this act, all expenses incurred by the
6 committee, including salaries and expenses of employees, shall be paid
7 upon voucher forms as provided by the administrator and signed by the
8 chairman or vice chairman of the committee and attested by the
9 secretary of said committee, and the authority of said chairman and
10 secretary to sign vouchers shall continue until their successors are
11 selected after each ensuing session of the legislature. Vouchers may
12 be drawn on funds appropriated by law for the committee: PROVIDED,
13 That the senate and the house may authorize the committee to draw on
14 funds appropriated by the legislature for legislative expenses.

15 **Sec. 14.** RCW 44.48.090 and 1979 c 151 s 158 are each amended to
16 read as follows:

17 The committee shall have the following powers:

18 (1) To have timely access, upon written request of the
19 administrator, to all machine readable, printed, and other data of
20 state agencies relative to expenditures, budgets, and related fiscal
21 matters;

22 (2) To suggest changes relative to state accounting and reporting
23 systems to the office of financial management or its successor and to
24 require timely written responses to such suggestions; and

25 (3) Subject to section 1 of this act, to enter into contracts; and
26 when entering into any contract for computer access, make necessary
27 provisions relative to the scheduling of computer time and usage in
28 recognition of the unique requirements and priorities of the
29 legislative process.

30 **Sec. 15.** RCW 44.48.120 and 1977 ex.s. c 373 s 12 are each amended
31 to read as follows:

32 The committee is hereby authorized and empowered to appoint an
33 officer to be known as the LEAP administrator who shall be the
34 executive officer of the committee and assist in its duties and shall
35 compile information for the committee.

1 Subject to section 1 of this act, the committee is hereby
2 authorized and empowered to select and employ temporary and permanent
3 personnel and fix their salaries.

4 The duties of the administrator shall be as follows:

5 (1) To manage the LEAP operations.

6 (2) To assist the several standing committees of the house and
7 senate; to appear before other legislative committees; and to assist
8 any other legislative committee upon instruction by the committee.

9 (3) To provide the legislature with information obtained under the
10 direction of the committee.

11 (4) To maintain a record of all work performed by the administrator
12 under the direction of the committee and to keep and make available all
13 documents, data, and reports submitted to the administrator by any
14 legislative committee.

15 NEW SECTION. Sec. 16. A new section is added to chapter 44.68 RCW
16 to read as follows:

17 The administration of the joint legislative systems committee is
18 subject to section 1 of this act.

19 **Sec. 17.** RCW 44.68.040 and 1986 c 61 s 4 are each amended to read
20 as follows:

21 Subject to section 1 of this act:

22 (1) The systems committee, after consultation with the
23 administrative committee, shall employ a legislative systems
24 coordinator. The coordinator shall serve at the pleasure of the
25 systems committee, which shall fix the coordinator's salary.

26 (2) The coordinator shall serve as the executive and administrative
27 head of the center, and shall assist the administrative committee in
28 managing the information processing and communications systems of the
29 legislature as directed by the administrative committee.

30 **Sec. 18.** RCW 44.68.050 and 1986 c 61 s 5 are each amended to read
31 as follows:

32 The administrative committee shall, subject to the approval of the
33 systems committee and subject to section 1 of this act:

34 (1) Adopt policies, procedures, and standards regarding the
35 information processing and communications systems of the legislature;

1 (2) Establish appropriate charges for services, equipment, and
2 publications provided by the legislative information processing and
3 communications systems, applicable to legislative and nonlegislative
4 users as determined by the administrative committee;

5 (3) Employ or engage and fix the compensation for personnel
6 required to carry out the purposes of this chapter;

7 (4) Enter into contracts for (a) the sale, exchange, or acquisition
8 of equipment, supplies, services, and facilities required to carry out
9 the purposes of this chapter and (b) the distribution of legislative
10 information;

11 (5) Generally assist the systems committee in carrying out its
12 responsibilities under this chapter, as directed by the systems
13 committee.

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