# Washington State House of Representatives Office of Program Research

# BILL ANALYSIS

## **Local Government Committee**

## **HB 1993**

**Brief Description**: Authorizing county treasurers to contract with other county treasurers for services.

**Sponsors**: Representatives Volz, Kraft, Koster, Holy, Senn and Shea.

### **Brief Summary of Bill**

• Authorizes a county treasurer to contract with other county treasurers for any duty or service performed by the contracting treasurer.

**Hearing Date:** 3/1/17

Staff: Yvonne Walker (786-7841).

#### **Background:**

A county treasurer (treasurer) is the custodian of county money and the administrator of the county's financial transactions. The treasurer may also serve as the *ex officio* treasurer for a special purpose district (district), for example, a flood control district, irrigation district, or public utility district, and may provide financial services to districts and other units of local government, including receipt, disbursement, investment, and accounting of the funds for each of these entities. The treasurer is also responsible for the collection of various taxes (including legal proceedings to collect past due amounts) and other miscellaneous duties (such as conducting bond sales and sales of surplus county property).

## **Summary of Bill:**

A county treasurer may contract with another county treasurer for any duty or service performed by the contracting treasurer. A contracted treasurer may not perform a duty that is in conflict with his or her duties as treasurer or that is in conflict with any other statutory or ethical requirements.

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Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of the session in which the bill is

passed.

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