Washington State House of Representatives Office of Program Research



Local Government Committee

HB 2072

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

Sponsors: Representatives Volz, Senn, Griffey, McCaslin, Shea and Maycumber.

Brief Summary of Bill

• Authorizes county treasurers to contract with other treasurers for services.

Hearing Date: 2/19/19

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. A 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. Treasurers have many duties enumerated in statute, which include receiving and disbursing money, issuing receipts for money received, and maintaining financial records reflecting receipts and disbursements.

Summary of Bill:

County treasurers are authorized to contract with another county treasurer, state treasurer, or both, for duties performed by the contracting treasurer. However, a contracted treasurer may not perform a duty that is in conflict with his or her own duties as a treasurer or that is in conflict with other statutory or ethical requirements.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Requested on February 18, 2019.

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