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By Senate Committee on Government Operations (originally sponsored by Senators Cantu, Drew, Haugen and Winsley)

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1 AN ACT Relating to mail functions of state government; adding new
2 sections to chapter 43.19 RCW; creating new sections; providing an
3 effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** It is the intent of the legislature to
6 consolidate mail functions for state government in a manner that will
7 provide timely, effective, efficient, and less-costly mail service for
8 state government.

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 43.19 RCW
10 to read as follows:

11 Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions in
12 this section apply throughout this section and section 3 of this act.

13 (1) "Consolidated mail service" means incoming, outgoing, and
14 internal mail processing.

15 (2) "Department" means the department of general administration.

16 (3) "Director" means the director of the department of general
17 administration.

18 (4) "Agency" means:

1 (a) The office of the governor; and

2 (b) Any office, department, board, commission, or other separate
3 unit or division, however designated, of the state government, together
4 with all personnel thereof: Upon which the statutes confer powers and
5 impose duties in connection with operations of either a governmental or
6 proprietary nature; and that has as its chief executive officer a
7 person or combination of persons such as a commission, board, or
8 council, by law empowered to operate it, responsible either to: (i) No
9 other public officer or (ii) the governor.

10 (5) "Incoming mail" means mail, packages, or similar items received
11 by an agency, through the United States postal service, private carrier
12 services, or other courier services.

13 (6) "Outgoing mail" means mail, packages, or similar items
14 processed for agencies to be sent through the United States postal
15 service, private carrier services, or other courier services.

16 (7) "Internal mail" means interagency mail, packages, or similar
17 items that are delivered or to be delivered to a state agency, the
18 legislature, the supreme court, or the court of appeals, and their
19 officers and employees.

20 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 43.19 RCW
21 to read as follows:

22 The director shall establish a consolidated mail service to handle
23 all incoming, outgoing, and internal mail in the 98504 zip code area or
24 successor zip code areas for agencies in the Olympia, Tumwater, and
25 Lacey area. The director may include additional geographic areas
26 within the consolidated mail service, based upon his or her
27 determination. The department shall also provide mail services to
28 legislative and judicial agencies in the Olympia, Tumwater, and Lacey
29 area upon request.

30 The director may bill state agencies and other entities
31 periodically for mail services rendered.

32 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** All employees of any state agency who are
33 employed exclusively or principally in performing the powers, duties,
34 or functions assigned to the department pursuant to section 3 of this
35 act, may be transferred to the department of general administration.
36 The office of financial management shall determine the number of
37 employees to be transferred for efficient operation of the mail

1 service. Upon such transfer to the department of general
2 administration, such employees shall continue to be governed by the
3 provisions of chapter 41.06 RCW, the state civil service law, and shall
4 retain their permanent or probationary status together with all rights,
5 privileges, and immunities attaching thereto.

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** The department, in cooperation with the
7 office of financial management, shall review current and prospective
8 needs of state agencies for any equipment to process mail throughout
9 state government. If after such consultation, the department should
10 find that (1) the economy, efficiency, or effectiveness of state
11 government and that the affected state agency would be improved by such
12 a transfer or other disposition, and (2) the transfer or other
13 disposition improves, at less cost, the economy, efficiency, or
14 effectiveness of mail service, then the property shall be transferred
15 or otherwise disposed.

16 After making such finding, the department shall direct the
17 transfer of existing state property, facilities, and equipment
18 pertaining to the consolidated mail service or United States postal
19 service. Any dispute concerning the benefits in state governmental
20 economy, efficiency, and effectiveness shall be resolved by the office
21 of financial management.

22 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** 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 shall take
25 effect July 1, 1993.

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