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3 By Committee on Government Operations

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5 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
6 following:

7 "Sec. 1. RCW 43.110.010 and 1990 c 104 s 1 are each amended to
8 read as follows:

9 (1) There shall be a state agency which shall be known as the
10 municipal research council. The council shall be composed of
11 ~~((eighteen))~~ nineteen members. ~~((Four))~~ Two members shall be appointed
12 by the president of the senate, with equal representation from each of
13 the two major political parties; ~~((four))~~ two members shall be
14 appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives, with equal
15 representation from each of the two major political parties; one member
16 shall be appointed by the governor independently; ~~((and the other))~~
17 nine members, who shall be city or town officials, shall be appointed
18 by the governor from a list of nine nominees submitted by the board of
19 directors of the association of Washington cities; and five members,
20 who shall be county officials, shall be appointed by the governor, two
21 of whom shall be from a list of two nominees submitted by the board of
22 directors of the Washington association of county officials, and three
23 of whom shall be from a list of three nominees submitted by the board
24 of directors of the Washington state association of counties. Of the
25 ~~((members appointed by the association))~~ city or town officials, at
26 least one shall be an official of a city having a population of twenty
27 thousand or more; at least one shall be an official of a city having a
28 population of one thousand five hundred to twenty thousand; and at
29 least one shall be an official of a town having a population of less
30 than one thousand five hundred.

31 The terms of members shall be for two years ~~((and shall not))~~. The
32 terms of those members who are appointed as legislators or city, town,
33 or county officials shall be dependent upon continuance in legislative
34 ~~((or))~~ city, town, or county office. The terms of all members except
35 legislative members shall commence on the first day of August in every
36 odd-numbered year. The speaker of the house of representatives and the

1 president of the senate shall make their appointments on or before the
2 third Monday in January in each odd-numbered year, and the terms of the
3 members thus appointed shall commence on the third Monday of January in
4 each odd-numbered year.

5 Council members shall receive no compensation but shall be
6 reimbursed for travel expenses at rates in accordance with RCW
7 43.03.050 and 43.03.060 as now existing or hereafter amended, except
8 that members of the council who are also members of the legislature
9 shall be reimbursed at the rates provided by RCW 44.04.120.

10 (2) The board of directors of the association of Washington cities,
11 Washington association of county officials, or Washington state
12 association of counties may not submit nominees to the governor if at
13 any time during the preceding twenty-four months the association
14 either: (a) Employed more than one employee who engaged in lobbying
15 activities; or (b) contributed money or allowed its facilities to be
16 used for campaign purposes in a manner that facilities of a public
17 office are prohibited from being used under RCW 42.17.130.

18 As used in this subsection, the "lobbying activities" means any
19 oral or written communication, including electronic communication, to
20 members of the legislature or legislative staff with regard to the
21 advocacy of, or opposition to, the formulation, modification, or
22 adoption of state legislation or other legislative proposal, and
23 includes motivating others to contact members of the legislature or
24 legislative staff with regard to the advocacy of, or opposition to, the
25 formulation, modification, or adoption of state legislation or other
26 legislative proposal. "Lobbying activities" does not include providing
27 factual information to members of the legislature or legislative staff
28 in response to a request made by a member of the legislature or
29 legislative staff.

30 **Sec. 2.** RCW 43.110.030 and 1990 c 104 s 2 are each amended to read
31 as follows:

32 The municipal research council shall contract for the provision of
33 municipal research and services to cities (~~and~~), towns, and counties.
34 Contracts for municipal research and services shall be made with state
35 agencies, educational institutions, or private consulting firms, that
36 in the judgment of council members are qualified to provide such
37 research and services. Contracts for staff support may be made with
38 state agencies, educational institutions, or private consulting firms

1 that in the judgment of the council members are qualified to provide
2 such support.

3 Municipal research and services shall consist of: (1) Studying and
4 researching (~~((municipal))~~) city, town, and county government and issues
5 relating to (~~((municipal))~~) city, town, and county government; (2)
6 acquiring, preparing, and distributing publications related to
7 (~~((municipal))~~) city, town, and county government and issues relating to
8 (~~((municipal))~~) city, town, and county government; (3) providing
9 educational conferences relating to (~~((municipal))~~) city, town, and
10 county government and issues relating to (~~((municipal))~~) city, town, and
11 county government; and (4) furnishing legal, technical, consultative,
12 and field services to cities (~~((and)),~~) towns, and counties concerning
13 planning, public health, utility services, fire protection, law
14 enforcement, public works, and other issues relating to (~~((municipal))~~)
15 city, town, and county government. Requests for legal services by
16 county officials shall be sent to the office of the county prosecuting
17 attorney. Responses by the municipal research council to county
18 requests for legal services shall be provided to the requesting
19 official and the county prosecuting attorney.

20 The activities, programs, and services of the municipal research
21 council shall be carried on, and all expenditures shall be made, in
22 cooperation with the cities and towns of the state acting through the
23 board of directors of the association of Washington cities, which is
24 recognized as their official agency or instrumentality, and in
25 cooperation with counties of the state acting through the Washington
26 state association of counties. Services to cities and towns shall be
27 based upon the moneys appropriated to the municipal research council
28 under RCW 82.44.160. Services to counties shall be based upon the
29 moneys appropriated to the municipal research council from the county
30 research services account under section 3 of this act.

31 NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. A new section is added to chapter 43.110 RCW
32 to read as follows:

33 A special account is created in the state treasury to be known as
34 the county research services account. The account shall consist of all
35 money transferred to the account under RCW 82.08.170 or otherwise
36 transferred or appropriated to the account by the legislature. Moneys
37 in the account may be spent only after appropriation. The account is
38 subject to the allotment process under chapter 43.88 RCW.

1 Moneys in the county research services account may be expended only
2 to finance the costs of county research.

3 **Sec. 4.** RCW 82.08.170 and 1983 c 3 s 215 are each amended to read
4 as follows:

5 (~~On the first day of~~) (1) During the months of January, April,
6 July and October of each year, the state treasurer shall make the
7 apportionment and distribution of all moneys in the liquor excise tax
8 fund to the counties, cities and towns in the following proportions:
9 Twenty percent of the moneys in said liquor excise tax fund shall be
10 divided among and distributed to the counties of the state in
11 accordance with the provisions of RCW 66.08.200; eighty percent of the
12 moneys in said liquor excise tax fund shall be divided among and
13 distributed to the cities and towns of the state in accordance with the
14 provisions of RCW 66.08.210.

15 (2) Each fiscal quarter and prior to making the twenty percent
16 distribution to counties under subsection (1) of this section, the
17 treasurer shall transfer to the county research services account under
18 section 3 of this act sufficient moneys that, when combined with any
19 cash balance in the account, will fund the allotments from any
20 legislative appropriations from the county research services account.

21 **Sec. 5.** RCW 43.88.114 and 1983 c 22 s 2 are each amended to read
22 as follows:

23 Appropriations of funds to the municipal research council from
24 motor vehicle excise taxes shall not be subject to allotment by the
25 office of financial management.

26 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** This act shall take effect July 1, 1996."

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