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**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2098**

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**State of Washington**

**58th Legislature**

**2003 Regular Session**

**By** House Committee on Finance (originally sponsored by Representatives Grant, Jarrett, O'Brien, Chase, McIntire, Hankins, Santos and Shabro)

READ FIRST TIME 03/10/03.

1 AN ACT Relating to providing financial assistance to counties and  
2 cities; and creating a new section.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** It is the intent of the legislature to  
5 provide local communities more tools to choose their level of public  
6 services and taxes. The legislature recognizes that communities around  
7 the state have different economic environments and one method of  
8 financing local services does not work for all communities. It further  
9 recognizes that in some cases short-term or long-term economic changes  
10 have left communities unable to fund minimum required services by  
11 taxing the local economic base. It also recognizes that some  
12 communities have public safety, human service, or economic development  
13 priorities that are not shared by other communities. It is the intent  
14 of the legislature to provide voters in counties and cities across the  
15 state the tools to shape the destinies of their own communities and to  
16 provide for local priorities. It is further the intent of the  
17 legislature to provide direct financial assistance to counties and

1 cities that cannot provide basic governmental services without state  
2 assistance.

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