
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6300

State of Washington

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By Senate Committee on Judiciary (originally sponsored by Senators Doumit, Roach and Mulliken)

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1 AN ACT Relating to reimbursement to counties for extraordinary
2 criminal justice costs; amending RCW 43.330.190; adding a new section
3 to chapter 2.70 RCW; and recodifying RCW 43.330.190.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.330.190 and 1999 c 303 s 1 are each amended to read
6 as follows:

7 Counties may submit a petition for relief to the office of public
8 defense for reimbursement of extraordinary criminal justice costs.
9 Extraordinary criminal justice costs are defined as those associated
10 with investigation, prosecution, indigent defense, jury impanelment,
11 expert witnesses, interpreters, incarceration, and other adjudication
12 costs of (~~aggravated murder~~) one or more homicide cases that have had
13 an extraordinary and disproportionate impact on the county's budget for
14 the prior or current year.

15 (1) The office of public defense, in consultation with the
16 Washington association of prosecuting attorneys and the Washington
17 association of sheriffs and police chiefs, shall develop procedures for
18 processing the petitions, for auditing the veracity of the petitions,
19 and for prioritizing the petitions. Prioritization of the petitions

1 shall be based on, but not limited to, such factors as disproportionate
2 fiscal impact relative to the county budget, efficient use of
3 resources, and whether the costs are extraordinary and could not be
4 reasonably accommodated and anticipated in the normal budget process.

5 (2) Before January 1st of each year, the office of public defense,
6 in consultation with the Washington association of prosecuting
7 attorneys and the Washington association of sheriffs and police chiefs,
8 shall develop and submit to the appropriate fiscal committees of the
9 senate and house of representatives a prioritized list of submitted
10 petitions that are recommended for funding by the legislature.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** RCW 43.330.190 is recodified as a section in
12 chapter 2.70 RCW.

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