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1            AN ACT Relating to expanding the responsibilities of the caseload  
2 forecast council; and amending RCW 43.88C.010.

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

4            **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.88C.010 and 2000 c 90 s 1 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6            (1) The caseload forecast council is hereby created. The council  
7 shall consist of two individuals appointed by the governor and four  
8 individuals, one of whom is appointed by the chairperson of each of the  
9 two largest political caucuses in the senate and house of  
10 representatives. The chair of the council shall be selected from among  
11 the four caucus appointees. The council may select such other officers  
12 as the members deem necessary.

13            (2) The council shall employ a caseload forecast supervisor to  
14 supervise the preparation of all caseload forecasts. As used in this  
15 chapter, "supervisor" means the caseload forecast supervisor.

16            (3) Approval by an affirmative vote of at least five members of the  
17 council is required for any decisions regarding employment of the  
18 supervisor. Employment of the supervisor shall terminate after each  
19 term of three years. At the end of the first year of each three-year

1 term the council shall consider extension of the supervisor's term by  
2 one year. The council may fix the compensation of the supervisor. The  
3 supervisor shall employ staff sufficient to accomplish the purposes of  
4 this section.

5 (4) The caseload forecast council shall oversee the preparation of  
6 and approve, by an affirmative vote of at least four members, the  
7 official state caseload forecasts prepared under RCW 43.88C.020. If  
8 the council is unable to approve a forecast before a date required in  
9 RCW 43.88C.020, the supervisor shall submit the forecast without  
10 approval and the forecast shall have the same effect as if approved by  
11 the council.

12 (5) A council member who does not cast an affirmative vote for  
13 approval of the official caseload forecast may request, and the  
14 supervisor shall provide, an alternative forecast based on assumptions  
15 specified by the member.

16 (6) Members of the caseload forecast council shall serve without  
17 additional compensation but shall be reimbursed for travel expenses in  
18 accordance with RCW 44.04.120 while attending sessions of the council  
19 or on official business authorized by the council. Nonlegislative  
20 members of the council shall be reimbursed for travel expenses in  
21 accordance with RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.

22 (7) "Caseload," as used in this chapter, means the number of  
23 persons expected to meet entitlement or waiver requirements and require  
24 the services of public assistance programs, state correctional  
25 institutions, state correctional noninstitutional supervision, state  
26 institutions for juvenile offenders, the common school system, long-  
27 term care, developmental disability programs, medical assistance,  
28 foster care, and adoption support.

29 (8) Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions  
30 provided in RCW 43.88.020 apply to this chapter.

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