

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6555

Chapter 328, Laws of 2006
(partial veto)

59th Legislature
2006 Regular Session

SPECIAL PURPOSE DISTRICTS

EFFECTIVE DATE: 6/7/06

Passed by the Senate March 4, 2006
YEAS 45 NAYS 0

BRAD OWEN

President of the Senate

Passed by the House March 2, 2006
YEAS 98 NAYS 0

FRANK CHOPP

Speaker of the House of Representatives

Approved March 29, 2006, with the
exception of section 3, which is vetoed.

CHRISTINE GREGOIRE

Governor of the State of Washington

CERTIFICATE

I, Thomas Hoemann, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6555** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

THOMAS HOEMANN

Secretary

FILED

March 29, 2006 - 4:41 p.m.

**Secretary of State
State of Washington**

SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6555

AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE

Passed Legislature - 2006 Regular Session

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By Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Prentice, Haugen, Mulliken, Berkey, Kastama and Rasmussen)

READ FIRST TIME 01/30/06.

1 AN ACT Relating to research and services for special purpose
2 districts; amending RCW 66.08.190; adding new sections to chapter
3 43.110 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 43.110 RCW
6 to read as follows:

7 (1) The municipal research council shall contract for the provision
8 of research and services to special purpose districts. A contract
9 shall be made with a state agency, educational institution, or private
10 consulting firm, that in the judgment of council members is qualified
11 to provide such research and services.

12 (2) Research and services to special purpose districts shall
13 consist of: (a) Studying and researching issues relating to special
14 purpose district government; (b) acquiring, preparing, and distributing
15 publications related to special purpose districts; and (c) furnishing
16 legal, technical, consultative, and field services to special purpose
17 districts concerning issues relating to special purpose district
18 government.

1 (3) The activities, programs, and services of the municipal
2 research council to special purpose districts shall be carried on in
3 cooperation with the associations representing the various special
4 purpose districts. Services to special purpose districts shall be
5 based upon the moneys appropriated to the municipal research council
6 from the special purpose district research services account under
7 section 2 of this act.

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 43.110 RCW
9 to read as follows:

10 A special account is created in the state treasury to be known as
11 the special purpose district research services account. The account
12 shall consist of all money transferred or appropriated to the account
13 by the legislature. Moneys in the account may be spent only after
14 appropriation. The account is subject to the allotment process under
15 chapter 43.88 RCW.

16 Moneys in the special purpose district research services account
17 may be expended only to finance the costs of special purpose district
18 research and services.

19 ***Sec. 3. RCW 66.08.190 and 2003 1st sp.s. c 25 s 927 are each**
20 **amended to read as follows:**

21 **(1) Except for revenues generated by the 2003 surcharge of**
22 **\$0.42/liter on retail sales of spirits that shall be distributed to the**
23 **state general fund during the 2003-2005 biennium, when excess funds are**
24 **distributed, all moneys subject to distribution shall be disbursed as**
25 **follows:**

26 **(a) Three-tenths of one percent to border areas under RCW**
27 **66.08.195; and**

28 **(b) From the amount remaining after distribution under (a) of this**
29 **subsection, (i) fifty percent to the general fund of the state, (ii)**
30 **ten percent to the counties of the state, and (iii) forty percent to**
31 **the incorporated cities and towns of the state.**

32 **(2) During the months of June, September, December, and March of**
33 **each year, prior to disbursing the distribution to incorporated cities**
34 **and towns under subsection (1)(b) of this section, the treasurer shall**
35 **deduct from that distribution an amount that will fund that quarter's**
36 **allotments under RCW 43.88.110 from any legislative appropriation from**

1 the city and town research services account. The treasurer shall
2 deposit the amount deducted into the city and town research services
3 account.

4 (3) During the months of June, September, December, and March of
5 each year, prior to disbursing the distribution to the general fund of
6 the state under subsection (1)(b) of this section, the treasurer shall
7 deduct from that distribution an amount that will fund that quarter's
8 allotments under RCW 43.88.110 from any legislative appropriation from
9 the special purpose district research services account. The treasurer
10 shall deposit the amount deducted into the special purpose district
11 research services account.

12 (4) The governor may notify and direct the state treasurer to
13 withhold the revenues to which the counties and cities are entitled
14 under this section if the counties or cities are found to be in
15 noncompliance pursuant to RCW 36.70A.340.

*Sec. 3 was vetoed. See message at end of chapter.

16 NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. By June 30, 2010, the municipal research
17 council shall prepare a report on services provided to special purpose
18 districts under section 1 of this act, and shall provide this report to
19 the joint legislative audit and review committee.

Passed by the Senate March 4, 2006.

Passed by the House March 2, 2006.

Approved by the Governor March 29, 2006, with the exception of
certain items that were vetoed.

Filed in Office of Secretary of State March 29, 2006.

Note: Governor's explanation of partial veto is as follows:

"I am returning, without my approval as to Section 3, Substitute
Senate Bill No. 6555 entitled:

"AN ACT Relating to research and services for special purpose
districts."

This bill would allow the Municipal Research Council (MRC) to
contract for the provision of research and services to special
purpose districts. Funding for these services would be provided
through a change in the distribution of Liquor Revolving Fund revenues.

The MRC currently provides its services to cities and counties.
Those services are funded with revenues from the Liquor Revolving
Fund and Liquor Excise Tax Account, revenues that would otherwise be
distributed to cities and counties on a formula basis. While the
technical assistance provided by MRC may be of value, SSB No. 6555
would set a precedent by redirecting funds, that would otherwise go
to the state General Fund, for the benefit of a special purpose
district.

Therefore, I have decided to veto Section 3 of this bill, which
establishes the transfer of those funds. Sections 1 and 2 concern
the authority for special purpose districts to use the MRC, and the
creation of the new account should the legislature choose to

appropriate funds for it. Section 4 requires a MRC report to Joint Legislative Audit and Review Committee in 2010.

For these reasons, I have vetoed Section 3 of Substitute Senate Bill No. 6555.

With the exception of Section 3, Substitute Senate Bill No. 6555 is approved."