HB 2186 - DIGEST

Finds that, in an effort to create beneficial arrangements for the provision of municipal court services, and to provide such court services as economically as possible, some cities are contracting with each other for municipal court services, with some services being performed outside the contracting city's corporate boundaries.

Declares an intent to make explicitly clear that current law allows such arrangements for municipal court services and to give notice of the availability of this practice.

Provides that any municipality may operate a municipal court formed under chapter 3.50 RCW with one or more other municipalities that have formed municipal courts consistent with this chapter if such courts are located in whole or in part within the same county, pursuant to an interlocal agreement under chapter 39.34 RCW. Municipal courts operating under any such interlocal agreements shall have exclusive original criminal and other jurisdiction as set forth in this act.