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- On page 2, line 13, after "July 1," strike "2011" and insert "2012"
- 2 Beginning on page 5, strike all of section 6 and insert the 3 following:
- 4 "Sec. 6. RCW 43.88C.010 and 2011 c 304 s 2 are each amended to read as follows:
 - (1) The caseload forecast council is hereby created. The <u>caseload</u> forecast council ((shall)) consists of two individuals appointed by the governor and four individuals, one of whom is appointed by the chairperson of each of the two largest political caucuses in the senate and house of representatives. The chair of the <u>caseload forecast</u> council ((shall)) <u>must</u> be selected from among the four caucus appointees. The <u>caseload forecast</u> council may select such other officers as the members deem necessary.
 - (2) The ((council shall employ a caseload forecast supervisor to))
 director must supervise the preparation of all caseload forecasts.

 ((As used in this chapter, "supervisor" means the caseload forecast supervisor.
 - (3) Approval by an affirmative vote of at least five members of the council is required for any decisions regarding employment of the supervisor. Employment of the supervisor shall terminate after each term of three years. At the end of the first year of each three year term the council shall consider extension of the supervisor's term by one year. The council may fix the compensation of the supervisor. The supervisor shall employ staff sufficient to accomplish the purposes of this section.
- 26 (4))) (3) The caseload forecast council ((shall)) oversees the 27 preparation of and approves, by an affirmative vote of at least four 28 members, the official state caseload forecasts prepared under RCW 29 43.88C.020 (as recodified by this act). If the caseload forecast

council is unable to approve a forecast before a date required in RCW 43.88C.020 (as recodified by this act), the ((supervisor shall)) director must submit the forecast without approval and the forecast ((shall have)) has the same effect as if approved by the caseload forecast council.

((+5)) (4) A <u>caseload forecast</u> councilmember who does not cast an affirmative vote for approval of the official caseload forecast may request, and the ((*supervisor shall)) <u>director must</u> provide, an alternative forecast based on assumptions specified by the member.

 $((\frac{(6)}{)})$ (5) Members of the caseload forecast council $(\frac{(shall)}{)}$ serve without additional compensation but $(\frac{(shall)}{)}$ must be reimbursed for travel expenses in accordance with RCW 44.04.120 while attending sessions of the <u>caseload forecast</u> council or on official business authorized by the <u>caseload forecast</u> council. Nonlegislative members of the <u>caseload forecast</u> council $(\frac{(shall)}{)}$ must be reimbursed for travel expenses in accordance with RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.

(((7) "Caseload," as used in this chapter, means:

(a) The number of persons expected to meet entitlement requirements and require the services of public assistance programs, state correctional institutions, state correctional noninstitutional supervision, state institutions for juvenile offenders, the common school system, long-term care, medical assistance, foster care, and adoption support;

(b) The number of students who are eligible for the Washington college bound scholarship program and are expected to attend an institution of higher education as defined in RCW 28B.92.030.

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

<u>EFFECT:</u> Updates a date in the bill and updates a previously amended statute.

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