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**HB 2442** - H AMD **775**

By Representative Dahlquist

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 On page 3, after line 2, insert the following:

"NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1)The Washington state institute of public policy must conduct a study of all counties that elect to disburse funds in accordance with RCW 41.04.240(5) for payment of salaries and wages for all county employees. This study must identify:

 (a) The percentages of county employees who receive payment of salaries and wages under RCW 41.04.240(2)(a) and under RCW 41.04.240(2)(b); and

 (b) With regard to county employees' salaries and wages that are disbursed in accordance with RCW 41.04.240(b):

 (i) The average amount and range of salaries and wages disbursed under RCW 41.04.240(b);

 (ii) Each method of payment used to disburse funds; and

 (iii) Whether each method of payment used to disburse funds is subject to a fee or charge and the amount of the fee or charge, if any.

 (2) The Washington state institute of public policy must report its findings to the legislature by December 31, 2014."

 Correct the title.

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|  |  EFFECT:   (1) Requires the Washington State Institute of Public Policy (WSIPP) to conduct a study of all counties that elect, in accordance with the provisions of the underlying bill, to use electronic payment methods to pay the salaries and wages of all county employees. (2) Establishes that the study conducted by WSIPP must identify: (a) The percentages of county employees who receive payment of their salaries and wages through payment to a financial institution and through payment by alternate methods; and (b) for county employees who receive payment by alternate methods, (i) the average amount and range of their salaries and wages, (ii) each method of payment used to disburse the funds, and (iii) whether each method of payment is subject to a fee or charge and the amount of any such fee or charge. (3)Requires WSIPP to report its findings to the Legislature by December 31, 2014. |

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