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By Senator Shewmake

1 AN ACT Relating to transferring the responsibilities for the
2 transportation revenue forecast for the transportation budget to the
3 economic and revenue forecast council; amending RCW 82.33.010 and
4 82.33.040; reenacting and amending RCW 82.33.020; and repealing RCW
5 43.88.125.

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

7 **Sec. 1.** RCW 82.33.010 and 2012 1st sp.s. c 8 s 2 are each
8 amended to read as follows:

9 (1) (a) The economic and revenue forecast council is hereby
10 created. The council shall consist of (~~two individuals appointed by~~
11 ~~the governor, the state treasurer, and four~~) the following members:

12 (i) The director of the office of financial management;

13 (ii) The state treasurer;

14 (iii) Four individuals, one of whom is appointed by the
15 chairperson of each of the two largest political caucuses in the
16 senate and house of representatives (~~.-The~~), who shall sit with the
17 council and serve as voting members only at such time as the
18 consideration of the economic and revenue forecast for the operating
19 budget and the state budget outlook;

20 (iv) The director of the department of revenue, who shall sit
21 with the council and serve as a voting member only at such times as

1 the consideration of the economic and revenue forecast for the
2 operating budget and the state budget outlook;

3 (v) The chair and ranking member of the house transportation
4 committee, and chair and ranking member of the senate transportation
5 committee, who shall sit with the council and serve as voting members
6 only at such time as the consideration of the transportation revenue
7 forecast for the transportation budget; and

8 (vi) The director of the department of licensing, who shall sit
9 with the council and serve as a voting member only at such times as
10 the consideration of the transportation revenue forecast for the
11 transportation budget.

12 (b) Except as provided in (c) of this subsection, the chair of
13 the council shall be selected from among the four caucus appointees.
14 The council may select such other officers as the members deem
15 necessary.

16 (c) The chair of the council when conducting business related to
17 the transportation revenue forecast for the transportation budget
18 shall be selected from among the four legislative appointees from the
19 transportation budget committees.

20 (d) A quorum of the council consists of a majority of members
21 appointed for the business to be conducted.

22 (2) The council shall employ an economic and revenue forecast
23 supervisor to supervise the preparation of all economic and revenue
24 forecasts and the presentation of state budget outlooks. As used in
25 this chapter, "supervisor" means the economic and revenue forecast
26 supervisor. Approval by an affirmative vote of at least ((five))
27 eight members of the council is required for any decisions regarding
28 employment of the supervisor. For purposes of this vote, all members
29 of the council set forth in subsection (1)(a) of this section are
30 voting members. Employment of the supervisor shall terminate after
31 each term of three years. At the end of the first year of each three-
32 year term the council shall consider extension of the supervisor's
33 term by one year. The council may fix the compensation of the
34 supervisor. The supervisor shall employ staff sufficient to
35 accomplish the purposes of this section.

36 (3) The economic and revenue forecast council shall oversee
37 ((the)):

38 (a) The preparation of and approve, by an affirmative vote of at
39 least five members eligible to vote for the economic and revenue
40 forecast for the operating budget, the official, optimistic, and

1 pessimistic state economic and revenue forecasts prepared under RCW
2 82.33.020; and

3 (b) The preparation of and approval, by an affirmative vote of at
4 least five members of those members eligible to vote for, the
5 transportation revenue forecast for the transportation budget
6 prepared under RCW 82.33.020.

7 If the council is unable to approve ((a)) any forecast before a
8 date required in RCW 82.33.020, the supervisor shall submit the
9 forecast without approval and the forecast shall have the same effect
10 as if approved by the council.

11 (4) The economic and revenue forecast council shall oversee the
12 preparation of and approve, by an affirmative vote of at least five
13 members of those members eligible to vote for, the state budget
14 outlook prepared under RCW 82.33.060. If the council is unable to
15 approve a state budget outlook before a date required in RCW
16 82.33.060, the supervisor shall submit the outlook prepared under RCW
17 82.33.060 without approval and the outlook shall have the same effect
18 as if approved by the council.

19 (5) A councilmember who does not cast an affirmative vote for
20 approval of the official economic and revenue forecast ((e)) for the
21 operating budget, the state budget outlook, or the transportation
22 revenue forecast for the transportation budget may request, and the
23 supervisor shall provide, an alternative economic and revenue
24 forecast or state budget outlook based on assumptions specified by
25 the member including, for purposes of the state budget outlook,
26 revenues to and expenditures from additional funds.

27 (6) Members of the economic and revenue forecast council shall
28 serve without additional compensation but shall be reimbursed for
29 travel expenses in accordance with RCW 44.04.120 while attending
30 sessions of the council or on official business authorized by the
31 council. Nonlegislative members of the council shall be reimbursed
32 for travel expenses in accordance with RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.

33 **Sec. 2.** RCW 82.33.020 and 2015 c 3 s 14 are each reenacted and
34 amended to read as follows:

35 (1) Four times each year the supervisor must prepare, subject to
36 the approval of the economic and revenue forecast council under RCW
37 82.33.010:

38 (a) An official state economic and revenue forecast;

1 (b) An unofficial state economic and revenue forecast based on
2 optimistic economic and revenue projections; (~~and~~)

3 (c) An unofficial state economic and revenue forecast based on
4 pessimistic economic and revenue projections; and

5 (d) Beginning with the September 2024 forecast, an official
6 transportation revenue forecast for the transportation budget. For
7 purposes of this subsection, the transportation revenue forecast for
8 the transportation budget includes, but is not limited to,
9 transportation taxes, vehicle fees, drivers' fees, fares and tolls,
10 and aircraft and vessel fees.

11 (2) The supervisor must submit forecasts prepared under this
12 section, along with any unofficial forecasts provided under RCW
13 82.33.010, to the governor and the members of the (~~committees on~~)
14 ways and means committee of the senate and appropriations committee
15 of the house of representatives and the chairs of the committees on
16 transportation of the senate and house of representatives, including
17 one copy to the staff of each of the committees, on or before
18 November 20th, February 20th in the even-numbered years, March 20th
19 in the odd-numbered years, June 27th, and September 27th. (~~In fiscal~~
20 ~~year 2015, the March 20th forecast shall be submitted on or before~~
21 ~~February 20, 2015.)) All forecasts must be based on the most recent
22 economic and revenue forecast council economic forecast. All
23 forecasts must include both estimated receipts and estimated revenues
24 in conformance with generally accepted accounting principles as
25 provided by RCW 43.88.037. In odd-numbered years, the period covered
26 by forecasts for the state general fund and related funds must cover
27 the current fiscal biennium and the next ensuing fiscal biennium, and
28 the period for the transportation related funds must cover the
29 current fiscal biennium and the next two ensuing fiscal biennia. In
30 even-numbered years, the period covered by the forecasts for the
31 state general fund and related funds shall be current fiscal and the
32 next two ensuing fiscal biennia, and the period for the
33 transportation related funds shall be the current fiscal and the next
34 two ensuing fiscal biennia.~~

35 (3) All agencies of state government must provide to the
36 supervisor immediate access to all information relating to economic
37 and revenue forecasts. Revenue collection information must be
38 available to the supervisor the first business day following the
39 conclusion of each collection period.

1 (4) The economic and revenue forecast supervisor and staff must
2 (~~relocate and~~) share information, data, and files with the tax
3 research section of the department of revenue and the department of
4 licensing but may not duplicate the duties and functions of one
5 another.

6 (5) As part of its forecasts under subsection (1) of this
7 section, the supervisor must provide estimated revenue from tuition
8 fees as defined in RCW 28B.15.020.

9 (6) The economic and revenue forecast council must, in
10 consultation with the economic and revenue forecast work group
11 created in RCW 82.33.040, review the existing economic and revenue
12 forecast council revenue model, data, and methodologies and in light
13 of recent economic changes, engage outside experts if necessary, and
14 recommend changes to the economic and revenue forecast council
15 revenue forecasting process to increase confidence and promote
16 accuracy in the revenue forecast. The recommendations are due by
17 September 30, 2012, and every five years thereafter.

18 **Sec. 3.** RCW 82.33.040 and 1986 c 158 s 23 are each amended to
19 read as follows:

20 (1) To promote the free flow of information and to promote
21 legislative input in the preparation of forecasts, immediate access
22 to all information relating to economic and revenue forecasts shall
23 be available to the economic and revenue forecast work group, hereby
24 created. Revenue collection information shall be available to the
25 economic and revenue forecast work group the first business day
26 following the (~~conclusion of each collection period~~) close of each
27 fiscal month. The economic and revenue forecast work group shall
28 consist of one staff member selected by the executive head or
29 chairperson of each of the following agencies or committees:

- 30 (a) Department of revenue;
31 (b) Office of financial management;
32 (c) Legislative evaluation and accountability program committee;
33 (d) Ways and means committee of the senate; (~~and~~)
34 (e) (~~Ways and means~~) Appropriations committee of the house of
35 representatives;
36 (f) Transportation committee of the senate;
37 (g) Transportation committee of the house of representatives;
38 (h) Washington state department of transportation; and
39 (i) Department of licensing.

1 (2) The economic and revenue forecast work group shall provide
2 technical support to the economic and revenue forecast council.
3 Meetings of the economic and revenue forecast work group may be
4 called by any member of the group for the purpose of assisting the
5 economic and revenue forecast council, reviewing the state economic
6 and revenue forecasts, or reviewing monthly revenue collection data
7 or for any other purpose which may assist the economic and revenue
8 forecast council.

9 (3) Staff members from the Washington state department of
10 transportation, department of licensing, transportation committee of
11 the senate, and transportation committee of the house of
12 representatives shall only provide technical support for the
13 transportation revenue forecast for the transportation budget.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** RCW 43.88.125 (Study of transportation-
15 related funds or accounts—Coordination of activities) and 2005 c 319
16 s 114, 1996 c 288 s 49, 1981 c 270 s 15, 1977 ex.s. c 235 s 6, 1975
17 1st ex.s. c 293 s 19, & 1971 ex.s. c 195 s 2 are each repealed.

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