

SB 5304 - H COMM AMD

By Committee on Ways & Means

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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 28B.118
4 RCW to read as follows:

5 The caseload forecast council shall estimate the anticipated
6 caseload of the Washington college bound scholarship program and shall
7 submit this forecast as specified in RCW 43.88C.020.

8 **Sec. 2.** RCW 43.88C.010 and 2000 c 90 s 1 are each amended to read
9 as follows:

10 (1) The caseload forecast council is hereby created. The council
11 shall consist of two individuals appointed by the governor and four
12 individuals, one of whom is appointed by the chairperson of each of the
13 two largest political caucuses in the senate and house of
14 representatives. The chair of the council shall be selected from among
15 the four caucus appointees. The council may select such other officers
16 as the members deem necessary.

17 (2) The council shall employ a caseload forecast supervisor to
18 supervise the preparation of all caseload forecasts. As used in this
19 chapter, "supervisor" means the caseload forecast supervisor.

20 (3) Approval by an affirmative vote of at least five members of the
21 council is required for any decisions regarding employment of the
22 supervisor. Employment of the supervisor shall terminate after each
23 term of three years. At the end of the first year of each three-year
24 term the council shall consider extension of the supervisor's term by
25 one year. The council may fix the compensation of the supervisor. The
26 supervisor shall employ staff sufficient to accomplish the purposes of
27 this section.

28 (4) The caseload forecast council shall oversee the preparation of
29 and approve, by an affirmative vote of at least four members, the

1 official state caseload forecasts prepared under RCW 43.88C.020. If
2 the council is unable to approve a forecast before a date required in
3 RCW 43.88C.020, the supervisor shall submit the forecast without
4 approval and the forecast shall have the same effect as if approved by
5 the council.

6 (5) A council member who does not cast an affirmative vote for
7 approval of the official caseload forecast may request, and the
8 supervisor shall provide, an alternative forecast based on assumptions
9 specified by the member.

10 (6) Members of the caseload forecast council shall serve without
11 additional compensation but shall be reimbursed for travel expenses in
12 accordance with RCW 44.04.120 while attending sessions of the council
13 or on official business authorized by the council. Nonlegislative
14 members of the council shall be reimbursed for travel expenses in
15 accordance with RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.

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

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

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

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

28 Correct the title.

EFFECT: Eliminates the requirement that the Caseload Forecast
Council provide a forecast for State Need Grant-eligible students.

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