
SENATE BILL 5549

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1 AN ACT Relating to expanding the responsibilities of the caseload
2 forecast council; and amending RCW 43.88C.010.

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

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

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

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

16 (3) Approval by an affirmative vote of at least five members of the
17 council is required for any decisions regarding employment of the
18 supervisor. Employment of the supervisor shall terminate after each
19 term of three years. At the end of the first year of each three-year

1 term the council shall consider extension of the supervisor's term by
2 one year. The council may fix the compensation of the supervisor. The
3 supervisor shall employ staff sufficient to accomplish the purposes of
4 this section.

5 (4) The caseload forecast council shall oversee the preparation of
6 and approve, by an affirmative vote of at least four members, the
7 official state caseload forecasts prepared under RCW 43.88C.020. If
8 the council is unable to approve a forecast before a date required in
9 RCW 43.88C.020, the supervisor shall submit the forecast without
10 approval and the forecast shall have the same effect as if approved by
11 the council.

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

16 (6) Members of the caseload forecast council shall serve without
17 additional compensation but shall be reimbursed for travel expenses in
18 accordance with RCW 44.04.120 while attending sessions of the council
19 or on official business authorized by the council. Nonlegislative
20 members of the council shall be reimbursed for travel expenses in
21 accordance with RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.

22 (7) "Caseload," as used in this chapter, means the number of
23 persons expected to meet entitlement or waiver requirements and require
24 the services of public assistance programs, state correctional
25 institutions, state correctional noninstitutional supervision, state
26 institutions for juvenile offenders, the common school system, long-
27 term care, developmental disability programs, medical assistance,
28 foster care, and adoption support.

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

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