

FINAL BILL REPORT

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Changing provisions relating to the municipal research council.

Sponsors: Senate Committee on State & Local Government (originally sponsored by Senators Haugen, Horn and Gardner).

Senate Committee on State & Local Government
House Committee on Local Government & Housing

Background: The Municipal Research Council is a state agency which contracts for the provision of municipal research and services to cities, towns and counties. The activities, programs and services of the council are carried on in cooperation with the Association of Washington Cities and the Washington State Association of Counties.

The council is composed of 23 members. Four members are appointed from the Senate, two from each major caucus; four members are appointed from the House of Representatives, two from each major caucus; one member is appointed by the Governor independently; nine members, who are city or town officials, are appointed by the Governor from a list of nine nominees submitted by the Association of Washington Cities; and five members, who are county officials, are appointed by the Governor, two of whom from a list of two nominees submitted by the Washington Association of County Officials, and three of whom from a list of three nominees submitted by the Washington State Association of Counties.

Summary: The composition of the Municipal Research Council is decreased from 23 members to 14 members: legislative membership consists of four members, two from the Senate (one from each major caucus) and two from the House of Representatives (one from each major caucus); city membership consists of six city or town officials; county membership consists of three county officials (one representing county officials and two representing county commissioners). The Director of Community, Trade, and Economic Development is added to the council.

Votes on Final Passage:

Senate	48	0	
House	93	0	(House amended)
Senate			(Senate refused to concur)
House	94	0	(House amended)
Senate	45	0	(Senate concurred)

Effective: July 1, 2001