Offered by Senator Rolfes

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PSSB 5092 - S COMM AMD TO S-2293.1/21
By Committee on Ways & Means

On page 474, after line 14 insert the following:

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- 3 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 991. A new section is added to chapter 43.79 4 RCW to read as follows:
- 5 (1) There is hereby created a joint select committee to be known 6 as the joint legislative unanticipated revenue oversight committee 7 with the following eight members:
- 8 (a) The majority and minority leaders of the senate;
- 9 (b) The speaker and the minority leader of the house of 10 representatives;
- 11 (c) Two additional members of the senate with one member from
- 12 each of the two largest caucuses of the senate appointed by their
- 13 respective leaders. These senators must be current members of the
- 14 ways and means committee; and
- 15 (d) Two additional members of the house of representatives with
- 16 one member from each of the major caucuses of the house of
- 17 representatives appointed by their respective leaders. These
- 18 representatives must be current members of the appropriations or
- 19 capital budget committees.
- 20 (2) The cochairs of the committee are the leaders of the two
- 21 largest caucuses of the senate in even-numbered years and the
- 22 leaders of the two largest caucuses of the house of representatives
- 23 in odd-numbered years.
- 24 (3) Staff support for the committee is provided by the senate
- 25 committee services and the house of representatives office of
- 26 program research.

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- 1 (4) Members of the committee serve without additional 2 compensation, but must be reimbursed for travel expenses in 3 accordance with RCW 44.04.120. The expenses of the committee are 4 paid jointly by the senate and the house of representatives and 5 expenditures are subject to approval by the senate facilities and 6 operations committee and the house of representatives executive
- 7 rules committee, or their successor committees.
 8 (5) The purpose of the committee is to review requests for
- 9 proposed allotment amendments to spend unanticipated and unbudgeted 10 moneys from federal and nonstate sources pursuant to RCW 11 43.79.270(3). The committee is necessary to provide oversight of 12 the legislature's delegation of state fiscal authority to the 13 governor while the legislature is not in session and to prevent 14 infringement on the legislature's constitutional power to
- 16 (6) The committee shall meet as necessary to review requests
 17 from the governor pursuant to RCW 43.79.270(3) and to provide
 18 comment within 14 calendar days. The committee may conduct its
 19 meetings and hold public hearings by conference telephone call,
 20 videoconference, or using similar technology equipment so that all
 21 persons participating in the meeting can hear each other at the same
 22 time. The committee shall adopt rules and procedures for its orderly
 23 operation. The activities of the committee are suspended during
 24 regular or special legislative sessions.
- 25 (7) If the committee chooses to conduct a public hearing on a 26 proposed allotment amendment, the committee must provide the office 27 of financial management with 5 calendar days notice of the public 28 hearing. The office of financial management, or its designee, must 29 appear before the committee to present the proposed allotment 30 amendment and respond to questions. The committee may also require 31 the state agency, department, board, or commission proposing the 32 allotment amendment to appear before the committee, submit 33 additional information, or engage in other activities necessary for

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15 appropriate state funds.

- 1 the committee to review and comment on proposed allotment
- 2 amendments.
- 3 (8) Action of the committee is limited to the review and comment
- 4 on requests submitted by the governor under RCW 43.79.270(3). Action
- 5 by the committee requires the majority vote of members of the
- 6 committee in attendance at the meeting. Action may take the form of
- 7 a recommendation approving the proposed allotment amendment,
- 8 rejecting the proposed allotment amendment or proposing an
- 9 alternative allotment amendment for governor consideration prior to
- 10 approval under RCW 43.79.280. The committee's action is not binding
- 11 on the governor."

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Renumber the remaining sections consecutively and correct any 14 internal references accordingly.

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<u>EFFECT:</u> Creates the joint legislative unanticipated revenue oversight committee referenced in sections 965 and 966 of PSSB 5092 to review and comment on unanticipated receipts requests by the Governor during the 2021-2023 fiscal biennium.

EXPENDITURE EFFECT (2021-2023): \$0 Near General Fund-State/ \$0 Total Funds

FOUR-YEAR OUTLOOK EXPENDITURE EFFECT: \$0 Near General Fund-State

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