
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1008

State of Washington

66th Legislature

2019 Regular Session

By House Local Government (originally sponsored by Representatives Appleton, Pollet, and Frame)

READ FIRST TIME 01/25/19.

1 AN ACT Relating to studying the constitutional and statutory
2 obligations and tax revenue capacity of local government entities;
3 creating a new section; and making an appropriation.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The department of commerce must
6 conduct a study that analyzes local governments' revenue capacity in
7 relation to its constitutional and statutory obligations. At a
8 minimum, the study must include:

9 (a) A comparison of county expenditures for services provided as
10 agents of the state compared to the state and local revenue capacity
11 for state services;

12 (b) An analysis of where funding gaps are most pronounced, such
13 as by issue area and specific areas of the state;

14 (c) How the situation has changed over the last thirty years;

15 (d) Baseline data and a methodology that can be replicated in
16 future studies and analysis; and

17 (e) An analysis that must differentiate obligations required by
18 the state Constitution and those in statute or rule.

19 (2) An interim report focusing on the results of subsection
20 (1)(a) of this section must be presented to the governor and
21 appropriate committees of the legislature by or before December 31,

1 2019. The final report must be presented to the governor and
2 appropriate committees of the legislature by or before June 30, 2020.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The sum of one hundred thousand dollars,
4 or as much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for the
5 fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, from the dedicated marijuana
6 account to the department of commerce for the purposes of section 1
7 of this act.

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