

CHAPTER 84.

[House Bill No. 621.]

COUNTIES AND CITIES—REGIONAL AGENCIES—
YOUTH AGENCIES.

AN ACT relating to municipal corporations; authorizing creation of an agency for the purpose of studying region wide problems; prescribing powers and duties; and providing financing of the agency by the participating municipal corporations; and authorizing the establishment of youth agencies.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

SECTION 1. The boards of county commissioners of any county and any counties contiguous thereto and the governing body of any cities and/or towns within said counties may establish and organize a regional agency hereinafter referred to as a conference, for the purpose of studying regional and governmental problems of mutual interest and concern, including but not limited to, facility studies on highways, transit, airports, ports or harbor development, water supply and distribution, codes and ordinances, governmental finances, flood control, air and water pollution, recommendations of sites for schools and educational institutions, hospitals and health facilities, parks and recreation, public buildings, land use and drainage; and to formulate recommendations for review and action by the member counties and/or cities legislative body.

Regional agencies. Counties and/or cities and towns may establish regional conference.

SEC. 2. The governing bodies of the counties and cities so associated in a conference shall adopt articles of association and bylaws, select a chairman and such other officers as they may determine, and may employ and discharge such agents and employees as the officers deem convenient to carry out the purposes of the conference.

—Bylaws—
Officers—
Agents and employees.

Regional agencies.
~~Contracts—~~
Grants—
Consultants.

SEC. 3. The conference is authorized to contract generally and to enter into any contract with the federal government, the state, any municipal corporation and/or other governmental agency for the purpose of conducting the study of regional problems of mutual concern, and shall have the power to receive grants and gifts in furtherance of the program. The conference may retain consultants if deemed advisable.

~~Conference as public purpose—~~
Financing.

SEC. 4. The formation of the conference is hereby declared to be a public purpose, and any municipal corporation may contribute to the expenses of such conference pursuant to the budgetary laws of the municipal corporations and such bylaws as may be adopted by the conference: *Provided*, That services and facilities may be provided by a municipal corporation in lieu of assessment.

Youth agency, local in nature, authorized.

SEC. 5. Any city, town, or county may establish a youth agency to investigate, advise and act on, within the powers of that municipality, problems relating to the youth of that community, including employment, educational, economic and recreational opportunities, juvenile delinquency and dependency, and other youth problems and activities as that municipality may determine. Any city, town, or county may contract with any other city, town, or county to jointly establish such a youth agency.

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