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CHAPTER 196
[Substitute House Bill NO. 208]
COUNTIES--PROPERTY MANAGEMENT
AUTHORITY

AN ACT Relating to counties; and creating a new section.

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

NEW SECTION. Section 1. Pursuant to public notice and hearing, any county may establish comprehensive procedures for the management of county property consistent with the public interest and counties establishing such procedures shall be exempt from the provisions of chapter 36.34 RCW: PROVIDED, That all counties shall retain all powers now or hereafter granted by chapter 36.34 RCW.

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CHAPTER 197
[Substitute House Bill No. 174]
LEGISLATIVE BUDGET COMMITTEE--
PERFORMANCE AUDIT AUTHORITY--
LEGISLATORS' PER DIEM ALLOWANCE

AN ACT Relating to state government; amending section 1, chapter 10, Laws of 1959 ex. sess. as last amended by section 4, chapter 112, Laws of 1967 ex. sess. and RCW 44.04.120; and adding new sections to Title 44 RCW.

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

NEW SECTION. Section 1. The legislative budget committee authority for management surveys contained in RCW 44.28.085 shall include reviews of program goals and objectives of public bodies,

officers or employees to determine conformity with legislative intent and shall include comprehensive performance audits to ensure that agency programs are being conducted in accordance with legislative intent and program goals and objectives.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. All agency reports concerning program performance, including administrative review, quality control, and other internal audit or performance reports, as requested by the legislative budget committee, shall be furnished by the agency requested to provide such report.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. Sections 1 and 2 are each added to Title 44 RCW.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. In view of the decreased purchasing power of the dollar and the concomitant increase in the cost of living during the past several years, the members of the legislature declare that the twenty-five dollar per diem allowance provided during the past several interims between sessions in lieu of subsistence and lodging is inadequate to cover necessary expenses incurred while serving on official legislative business during the interim. The legislature further finds and declares that forty dollars per day is a fair and adequate allowance to cover such reimbursement.

Sec. 5. Section 1, chapter 10, Laws of 1959 ex. sess. as last amended by section 4, chapter 112, Laws of 1967 ex. sess. and RCW 44.04.120 are each amended to read as follows:

Each member of the senate or house of representatives when serving on official legislative business during the interim between legislative sessions, or while serving on the legislative council, the legislative budget committee, or any other permanent or interim committee, commission, or council of the legislature shall be entitled to receive, in lieu of per diem or any other payment, for each day or major portion thereof in which he is actually engaged in legislative business or business of the committee, commission, or council, notwithstanding any laws to the contrary, ~~((twenty-five))~~ forty dollars per day, plus mileage allowance at the rate of ten cents per mile when authorized by the house, committee, commission, or council of which he is a member and on the business of which he is engaged.

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