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

Sec. 1. Section 8, chapter 303, Laws of 1983 and RCW 36.60.010 are each amended to read as follows:

Subject to RCW 36.60.020, the legislative authority of a county may establish one or more county rail districts within the county for the purpose of providing and funding improved rail freight service. The boundaries of county rail districts shall be drawn to include contiguous property in an area from which agricultural or other goods could be shipped by the rail service provided. The district shall not include property outside this area which does not, or, in the judgment of the county legislative authority, is not expected to produce goods which can be shipped by rail, or property substantially devoted to fruit crops or producing goods that are shipped in a direction away from the district. A county rail district is a quasi municipal corporation, an independent taxing "authority" within the meaning of Article VII, section 1 of the state Constitution, and a "taxing district" within the meaning of Article VII, section 2 of the state Constitution.

A county rail district shall constitute a body corporate and shall possess all the usual powers of a corporation for public purposes as well as all other powers that may now or hereafter be specifically conferred by statute, including, but not limited to, the authority to hire employees, staff, and services, to enter into contracts, to accept and expend or use gifts, grants, and donations, and to sue and be sued.
The county legislative authority shall be the governing body of a county rail district. The county treasurer shall act as the ex officio treasurer of the county rail district. The electors of a district are all registered voters residing within the district.

This authority and that provided in RCW 36.60.030 may only be exercised outside the boundaries of the county rail district if such extraterritorial rail services, equipment, or facilities are found, by resolution of the county legislative authority exercising such authority, to be reasonably necessary to link the rail services, equipment, and facilities within the rail district to an interstate railroad system; however, if such extraterritorial rail services, equipment, or facilities are in or are to be located in one or more other counties, the legislative authority of such other county must consent by resolution to the proposed plan of the originating county which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld.

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CHAPTER 188
[Senate Bill No. 3569]
RISK MANAGEMENT OFFICE AUTHORITY EXPANDED

AN ACT Relating to risk management; amending RCW 43.19.1935, 43.19.19361, 43.19.19362, 43.19.19366, 4.92.100, 4.92.110, 4.92.140, and 4.92.150; and adding a new section to chapter 43.19 RCW.

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

Sec. 1. Section 43.19.1935, chapter 8, Laws of 1965 as last amended by section 6, chapter 270, Laws of 1977 ex. sess. and RCW 43.19.1935 are each amended to read as follows:

As a means of providing for the procurement of insurance and bonds on a volume rate basis, the director of general administration through the risk management office shall purchase or contract for the needs of state agencies in relation to all such insurance and bonds: PROVIDED, That (the individual statutory bonds of elected state officials, insurance requirements of colleges and universities, insurance requirements of toll project agencies, and insurance covering proprietary activities of state agencies, other than motor vehicle coverage, may be procured directly and independently by them after consultation with the risk management office: PROVIDED FURTHER, That)) authority to purchase insurance may be delegated to state agencies. Insurance in force shall be reported to the risk management office periodically under rules established by the director. Nothing contained in this section shall prohibit the use of licensed agents or brokers for the procurement and service of insurance.