

Joint Select Committee on Junior Taxing Districts, Municipal Corporations, and Local Government Finance

Potential Recommendation Frameworks and Adopted Recommendations

Note: It is anticipated that the Committee will hold a public meeting in early January of 2013. Public comments related to the Potential Recommendation Frameworks and Adopted Recommendations are welcome and may be directed to Ethan.Moreno@leg.wa.gov and Sam.Thompson@leg.wa.gov.

I. POTENTIAL RECOMMENDATION FRAMEWORKS

(AS IDENTIFIED BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS ON DECEMBER 3, 2012)

1. Consolidation of Services:
 - a. Examine statutory options for giving jurisdictions greater ability consolidate, cooperate, coordinate, and dissolve
 - b. Examine options for creating or promoting educational resources for special purpose district officials
2. Initiative 1183:
 - a. Restore \$10M (in lost excise tax revenue)
 - b. Restore growth factor formula to pre-initiative level (50/50 split of excess liquor revenues) for future sales
3. Revenue:
 - a. Examine options for greater flexibility for use of county and city revenues
4. Community Councils:
 - a. Rep. Springer will make recommendations:
 - i. Shifting community council costs to council area (potential recommendation)
 - ii. Requiring the entire city to vote in elections determining whether the council will continue (potential recommendation)

II. ADOPTED RECOMMENDATIONS

(AS ADOPTED BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS ON DECEMBER 11, 2012)

1. Initiative 1183. The Committee recommends restoring: (a) the \$10 million in lost excise tax revenues to local governments; and (b) the pre-initiative formula for the distribution of excess liquor revenues that allows local governments to benefit from increases in future sales. Although not part of its formal recommendation, the Committee noted that it does not wish to take a position on legislative proposals related to Initiative 1183.
2. Community Councils. The Committee recommends making no changes to provisions governing community councils.