



## WASHINGTON STATE SENATE COMMITTEE SERVICES JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

### *Fiscal Analyst for the Senate Ways & Means Committee*

Senate Committee Services (SCS) is currently recruiting to fill a Fiscal Analyst position with the Senate Ways and Means Committee. While the specific budget assignments are to be determined, they may include employee compensation, K-12 education, higher education, human services or other public sector issue areas. For this reason, individuals with experience in any of these areas are encouraged to apply. This is a full-time, nonpartisan position, exempt from civil service.

For more information on SCS, please visit our website at:

<http://www.leg.wa.gov/SENATE/COMMITTEES/Pages/default.aspx>

### **DUTIES**

SCS provides nonpartisan staff support to the members and committees of the Washington State Senate in Olympia. Duties include:

- Reviewing and evaluating operating and capital budget requests submitted by state agencies and the Governor.
- Analyzing legislation with fiscal impact and following the progress of bills through the legislative process.
- Drafting bills, amendments, and other legislative documents.
- Developing and evaluating policy alternatives to assist Senators in meeting their goals.
- Presenting legislation and other budgetary matters to the Committee.
- Monitoring and evaluating budget implementation of individual agencies.
- Responding to inquiries on pertinent budget and fiscal issues.
- Developing appropriate professional relationships with state agency staff and interest groups.

### **EDUCATION**

Master's degree in public administration, business administration, political science, economics, or closely related field.

### **QUALIFICATIONS**

Desirable qualifications include:

- Knowledge of the legislative process.
- Proven ability to perform high-quality, objective research and analysis in a position requiring high levels of self-direction.
- Experience with or knowledge of public sector budgeting and procedures is desired but not required.

- Excellent analytical, writing, problem solving, and oral communication skills.
- A creative, flexible, and service-oriented approach to work.
- Willingness to work the long, irregular hours that are common during a legislative session.
- Capability to handle the complex, difficult situations that are common in the fast-paced, results-oriented, high-pressure legislature environment.
- Proficiency in multiple computer applications, including applications involving spreadsheets and databases, word processing software, presentation applications, and online research.

### **SALARY AND BENEFITS**

Salaries for professional legislative staff are competitive. The specific salary will depend on the successful applicant's education and experience.

Employee benefits include: vacation and sick leave; paid state holidays; health, life and other optional insurance; retirement; social security; and military leave.

### **APPLICATION PROCEDURE**

Interested applicants should submit: (1) a brief letter of interest describing specific qualifications; (2) a current resume detailing experience and education; (3) a writing sample; and (4) at least three references with current telephone numbers.

Please send to:

Susan Howson, Director  
Senate Committee Services  
PO Box 40466  
Olympia, Washington 98504-0466

Applicants are encouraged to submit materials as soon as possible as screening, interviewing, and selection will begin immediately. **Applications should be submitted no later than 5:00 p.m. on September 18, 2015.**

*Electronic applications may be sent to: Ariel Kennedy at [Ariel.Kennedy@leg.wa.gov](mailto:Ariel.Kennedy@leg.wa.gov)*

*Phone contact: Ariel Kennedy at (360) 786-7432.*

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