government and its existing public institutions, and shall take effect immediately.

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CHAPTER 26

[Substitute House Bill No. 2933]
MUNICIPAL INSURANCE POOLS STUDY

AN ACT Relating to a study of municipal insurance pools; and creating a new section.

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

NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. A joint select committee on municipal insurance pools shall study local government self insurance pools established under chapter 48.62 RCW, and report its findings, and any recommended legislation, to the legislature on or before October 1, 1990. The joint select committee on municipal insurance pools shall consist of eight members, four senators, two from each of the major caucuses, who are appointed by the president of the senate, and four representatives, two from each of the major caucuses, who are appointed by the speaker of the house.

The study shall include input from interested parties, including the existing municipal insurance pools, various associations of local governments, the state risk manager, the Washington chapter of the public risk insurance managers association, the office of the superintendent of public instruction, the department of employment security, the department of labor and industries, the state actuary, office of the state auditor, and the office of the attorney general.

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CHAPTER 27

[Substitute Senate Bill No. 5554] RAILROAD TRACK SCALES

AN ACT Relating to railroad track scales; adding a new section to chapter 19.94 RCW; and repealing RCW 81.44.150 and 81.44.160.

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

NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. A new section is added to chapter 19.94 RCW to read as follows:

All railroad track scale owners in this state shall provide suitable facilities for testing track scales. The department is authorized, after a hearing, upon its own motion, and after notice to track scale owners, to order the track scale owners in this state to provide a suitable car or other device or facility to be used in testing track scales. The cost of providing the car, device, or facility shall be equitably and reasonably apportioned by the department among all track scale owners benefiting from the car, device, or facility. The car, device, or facility shall be used by the department to test the accuracy of all track scales, and the railroad companies shall without charge, move the car, device, or facility to locations designated by the department, under such rules as the department may prescribe. The car, device, or facility may be used in adjoining states to test railroad track scales and for that purpose may be taken beyond the limits of the state under such rules for its due care and return as the department may prescribe. The car, device, or facility may also be used for the testing of scales other than railroad track scales as determined to be appropriate by the department. The department is authorized to prescribe and collect a reasonable fee to cover all costs for the inspection and testing of track scales. The moneys collected by the department shall be placed in an account in the agriculture local fund.

<u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 2. The following acts or parts of acts are each repealed:

- (1) Section 81.44.150, chapter 14, Laws of 1961 and RCW 81.44.150; and
 - (2) Section 81.44.160, chapter 14, Laws of 1961 and RCW 81.44.160.

Passed the Senate February 13, 1990. Passed the House March 2, 1990. Approved by the Governor March 13, 1990. Filed in Office of Secretary of State March 13, 1990.

CHAPTER 28

[Senate Bill No. 5593] VEHICLE LENGTH LIMITS

AN ACT Relating to vehicle length; and amending RCW 46.44.030.

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

Sec. 1. Section 46.44.030, chapter 12, Laws of 1961 as last amended by section 1, chapter 351, Laws of 1985 and RCW 46.44.030 are each amended to read as follows:

It is unlawful for any person to operate upon the public highways of this state any vehicle other than a municipal transit vehicle having an overall length, with or without load, in excess of forty feet: PROVIDED, That an auto stage or school bus shall not exceed an overall length, inclusive of