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**SENATE BILL 5514**

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**State of Washington**

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**By** Senator Dozier

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1 AN ACT Relating to increasing the frequency of county legislative  
2 meetings at alternate locations; and amending RCW 36.32.080.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 36.32.080 and 2016 c 189 s 1 are each amended to  
5 read as follows:

6 (1) The county legislative authority of each county shall hold  
7 regular meetings at the county seat or at a location designated in  
8 accordance with subsection (2) or (3) of this section to transact any  
9 business required or permitted by law.

10 (2)(a) Any two or more county legislative authorities may hold a  
11 joint regular meeting solely in the county seat of a participating  
12 county if the agenda item or items relate to actions or  
13 considerations of mutual interest or concern to the participating  
14 legislative authorities.

15 (b) A legislative authority participating in a joint regular  
16 meeting held in accordance with this subsection (2) must, for  
17 purposes of the meeting, comply with notice requirements for special  
18 meetings provided in RCW 42.30.080. This subsection (2)(b) does not  
19 apply to the legislative authority of the county in which the meeting  
20 will be held.

1           (3) (a) As an alternative option that may be exercised no more  
2 than once per calendar (~~quarter~~) month, regular meetings may be  
3 held at a location outside of the county seat but within the county  
4 if the county legislative authority determines that holding a meeting  
5 at an alternate location would be in the interest of supporting  
6 greater citizen engagement in local government.

7           (b) The county legislative authority must give notice of any  
8 regular meeting held pursuant to this subsection (3) at least thirty  
9 days before the time of the meeting specified in the notice. At a  
10 minimum, notice must be:

11           (i) Posted on the county's web site;

12           (ii) Published in a newspaper of general circulation in the  
13 county; and

14           (iii) Sent via electronic transmission to any resident of the  
15 county who has chosen to receive the notice required under this  
16 section at an email address.

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