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Hi Karen,

Here's Myrna's e-mail about the two bills I referenced in my e-mail I just sent you. - Alice

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There is apparently a lot of discussion going on in Olympia with regard to website posting of many documents for which Clerks are responsible. Here is the latest, in some sort of chronological order:

After talking with Victoria Lincoln from AWC yesterday, I contacted Sandy Byers and Alice Bush to seek approval to draft a letter for the Board's endorsement that very respectfully makes the Committee aware on SB 5420 that (1) Clerk's normal processes do not allow meeting of the 5-day timeline, particularly for minutes, and (2) that this would be a significant hardship for smaller cities/towns that either contract out for web site services or do not have dedicated web staff. Approval to draft something for the Board's consideration was provided this morning.

Also, yesterday afternoon a new bill, SB 5672, was introduced by Senator Fairley that may be in response to the hue and cry being raised about SB 5420. This bill would require:

- o The agenda of all regular and special meetings of the governing body of every special purpose district and any municipality that owns or maintains a web site to be posted within a reasonable time before a meeting.
- o The text of any ordinance, rule, or regulation that is under consideration at the meeting is to be included on the web site at the same time the agenda is posted.
- o The minutes of all regular and special meetings of the governing body of every special purpose district and any municipality that owns or maintains a web site is to be posted within a reasonable time after a meeting

Based on the feedback I've been receiving on 5420, the Clerks have in general understood the "open government" philosophy behind the proposed legislation, and I will guess that the majority of the Clerk's would be able to comply with the first and third paragraphs, but that the second paragraph may be seen as a significant work load for the smaller cities. Please let me know if this is in tune with your thoughts.

Then, just this morning, Sheryle forwarded the following update relating to 5420 from one of the County Clerk's organization:

One of our Commissioners has been in contact with Sen. Roach regarding 5420. She told him this morning that they are going to add population factors into this bill. Supposedly, the bill will be changed to exclude all counties with a population less than 60,000 and cities/towns with a population less than 10,000. That helps us but not the bigger counties and cities. We're now waiting to see this actually happen.

Although an improvement, and recognizing that smaller cities/towns/counties would be unduly affected, this refinement, if it comes about, does not address the inability to meet the timeline for posting minutes, and does not address that five days is just too short a time, in general, to consistently get all this information posted even for the larger agencies.

Please keep your thoughts coming, and once I get today's Bellevue assignments under control I'll work on drafting a letter for the Board. I'll send it along once done.

Best regards to you all,

Myrna