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FROM: Senator Dave Argall 

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SUBJECT: Local Government Communications and Cooperation Legislation

In the near future I plan to re-introduce Senate Bill 1031, legislation aimed at promoting local government communication and cooperation.

Under my legislation, counties, municipalities and school districts would be required to conduct quarterly meetings with one or more of their neighboring counties, municipalities or school districts. At these meetings the respective governing bodies could discuss areas of common interest, mutual goals, current programs or proposed programs, potential cost-cutting efforts and the ability to achieve greater economies by working in a cooperative fashion.

Rather than impose a specific sanction for failure to comply with this requirement, my legislation attempts to create incentives in the form of grants and awards from the Governor's Center for Local Government Services, within the Department of Community and Economic Development.

If you wish to co-sponsor this bill, please contact BJ Sieg at 7-2637 or bsieg@pasen.gov.