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1 AN ACT Relating to public works projects; and amending RCW
2 43.155.010 and 43.155.020.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.155.010 and 1985 c 446 s 7 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 The legislature finds that there exists in the state of Washington
7 over four billion dollars worth of critical projects for the planning,
8 acquisition, construction, repair, replacement, rehabilitation, or
9 improvement of streets and roads, bridges, water systems, and storm and
10 sanitary sewage systems. The December, 1983 Washington state public
11 works report prepared by the planning and community affairs agency
12 documented that local governments expect to be capable of financing
13 over two billion dollars worth of the costs of those critical projects
14 but will not be able to fund nearly half of the documented needs.

1 The legislature further finds that there exists a critical need for
2 funding to enable local governments to comply with current solid waste
3 standards.

4 It is the policy of the state of Washington to encourage self-
5 reliance by local governments in meeting their public works needs and
6 to assist in the financing of critical public works projects by making
7 loans, financing guarantees, and technical assistance available to
8 local governments for these projects.

9 **Sec. 2.** RCW 43.155.020 and 1985 c 446 s 8 are each amended to read
10 as follows:

11 Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions in
12 this section shall apply throughout this chapter.

13 (1) "Board" means the public works board created in RCW 43.155.030.

14 (2) "Department" means the department of community development.

15 (3) "Financing guarantees" means the pledge of money in the public
16 works assistance account, or money to be received by the public works
17 assistance account, to the repayment of all or a portion of the
18 principal of or interest on obligations issued by local governments to
19 finance public works projects.

20 (4) "Local governments" means cities, towns, counties, special
21 purpose districts, and any other municipal corporations or
22 quasi-municipal corporations in the state excluding school districts
23 and port districts.

24 (5) "Public works project" means a project of a local government
25 for the planning, acquisition, construction, repair, reconstruction,
26 replacement, rehabilitation, or improvement of streets and roads,
27 bridges, water systems, ~~((or))~~ storm and sanitary sewage systems, or
28 solid waste systems.

1 (6) "Technical assistance" means training and other services
2 provided to local governments to: (a) Help such local governments
3 plan, apply, and qualify for loans and financing guarantees from the
4 board, and (b) help local governments improve their ability to plan
5 for, finance, acquire, construct, repair, replace, rehabilitate, and
6 maintain public facilities.