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By House Committee on Community & Economic Development & Trade (originally sponsored by Representatives Ericks, Newhouse, Linville, Armstrong, Simpson, Haler, Takko, Hunt, McCoy, Hailey, Grant, Buri, Hinkle, Kessler, Alexander, P. Sullivan, Eddy, Curtis, VanDeWege, Conway, O'Brien, Green, Goodman, Morrell, Lantz and Moeller)

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Relating to dedicated funding for 1 AN ACT jobs, economic 2 development, and local capital projects; amending RCW 43.160.020, 43.160.030, 43.160.050, 43.160.060, 43.160.070, 82.45.060, 43.160.080, 3 and 82.46.010; amending 2005 c 425 s 6 (uncodified); amending 2006 c 4 238 (uncodified); reenacting and amending RCW 43.160.010, 5 43.160.076, and 82.46.035; creating a new section; repealing RCW 6 7 43.160.100, 43.160.120, 43.160.130, 43.160.140, 43.160.150, 43.160.160, 43.160.170, 43.160.200, 43.160.210, and 43.160.220; and providing an 8 effective date. 9

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

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature recognizes that state 12 investment in public infrastructure is a contributor to the economic development of Washington state by encouraging private investment and 13 the creation and retention of high-wage jobs. 14 The legislature finds that providing dedicated funding for various programs in chapter 43.160 15 RCW will lead to greater certainty in economic development decisions 16 and further encourage private investment. The legislature further 17 finds that removing outdated and obsolete language from chapter 43.160 18

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1 RCW will streamline and enhance the understanding of program 2 requirements.

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- Sec. 2. RCW 43.160.010 and 1999 c 164 s 101 and 1999 c 94 s 5 are each reenacted and amended to read as follows:
- (1) The legislature finds that it is the public policy of the state 5 6 of Washington to direct financial resources toward the fostering of 7 economic development through the stimulation of investment and job opportunities and the retention of sustainable existing employment for 8 9 the general welfare of the inhabitants of the state. unemployment and reducing the time citizens remain jobless is important 10 11 for the economic welfare of the state. A valuable means of fostering 12 economic development is the construction of public facilities which contribute to the stability and growth of the state's economic base. 13 ((Strengthening the economic base through issuance of industrial 14 development bonds, whether single or umbrella, further serves to reduce 15 16 unemployment. Consolidating issues of industrial development bonds 17 when feasible to reduce costs additionally advances the state's purpose to improve economic vitality.)) Expenditures made for these purposes 18 as authorized in this chapter are declared to be in the public 19 20 interest, and constitute a proper use of public funds. A community 21 economic revitalization board is needed which shall aid the development of economic opportunities. The general objectives of the board should 22 23 include:
 - (a) Strengthening the economies of areas of the state which have experienced or are expected to experience chronically high unemployment rates or below average growth in their economies;
 - (b) Encouraging the diversification of the economies of the state and regions within the state in order to provide greater seasonal and cyclical stability of income and employment;
 - (c) Encouraging wider access to financial resources for both large and small industrial development projects;
 - (d) Encouraging new economic development or expansions to maximize employment;
- 34 (e) Encouraging the retention of viable existing firms and 35 employment; and
- 36 (f) Providing incentives for expansion of employment opportunities

for groups of state residents that have been less successful relative to other groups in efforts to gain permanent employment.

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- (2) The legislature also finds that the state's economic development efforts can be enhanced by, in certain instances, providing funds to improve state highways, county roads, or city streets for industries considering locating or expanding in this state.
- (a) The legislature finds it desirable to provide a process whereby the need for diverse public works improvements necessitated by planned economic development can be addressed in a timely fashion and with coordination among all responsible governmental entities.
- (b) All transportation improvements on state highways must first be approved by the state transportation commission and the community economic revitalization board in accordance with the procedures established by RCW 43.160.074 and 47.01.280.
- (3) The legislature also finds that the state's economic development efforts can be enhanced by, in certain instances, providing funds to assist development of telecommunications infrastructure that supports business development, retention, and expansion in ((rural natural resources impact areas and rural counties of)) the state.
- (4) The legislature also finds that the state's economic development efforts can be enhanced by providing funds to improve markets for those recyclable materials representing a large fraction of the waste stream. The legislature finds that public facilities which result in private construction of processing or remanufacturing facilities for recyclable materials are eligible for consideration from the board.
- (5) The legislature finds that sharing economic growth statewide is important to the welfare of the state. ((Rural counties and rural natural resources impact areas do not share in the economic vitality of the Puget Sound region.)) The ability of ((these)) communities to pursue business and job retention, expansion, and development opportunities depends on their capacity to ready necessary economic development project plans, sites, permits, and infrastructure for private investments. Project-specific planning, predevelopment, and infrastructure are critical ingredients for economic development. ((Rural counties and rural natural resources impact areas generally lack these necessary tools and resources to diversify and revitalize their economies.)) It is, therefore, the intent of the legislature to

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- 1 increase the amount of funding available through the community economic
- 2 revitalization board ((for rural counties and rural natural resources
- 3 impact areas,)) and to authorize flexibility for available resources in
- 4 these areas to help fund planning, predevelopment, and construction
- 5 costs of infrastructure and facilities and sites that foster economic
- 6 vitality and diversification.

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- 7 **Sec. 3.** RCW 43.160.020 and 2004 c 252 s 1 are each amended to read 8 as follows:
- 9 Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions in 10 this section apply throughout this chapter.
- 11 (1) "Board" means the community economic revitalization board.
- 12 (2) (("Bond" means any bond, note, debenture, interim certificate,
 13 or other evidence of financial indebtedness issued by the board
 14 pursuant to this chapter.
- 15 (3)) "Department" means the department of community, trade, and 16 economic development.
 - ((4) "Financial institution" means any bank, savings and loan association, credit union, development credit corporation, insurance company, investment company, trust company, savings institution, or other financial institution approved by the board and maintaining an office in the state.
- 22 (5) "Industrial development facilities" means "industrial development facilities" as defined in RCW 39.84.020.
 - (6) "Industrial development revenue bonds" means tax-exempt revenue bonds used to fund industrial development facilities.
 - (7)) (3) "Local government" or "political subdivision" means any port district, county, city, town, special purpose district, and any other municipal corporations or quasi-municipal corporations in the state providing for public facilities under this chapter.
 - ((8) "Sponsor" means any of the following entities which customarily provide service or otherwise aid in industrial or other financing and are approved as a sponsor by the board: A bank, trust company, savings bank, investment bank, national banking association, savings and loan association, building and loan association, credit union, insurance company, or any other financial institution, governmental agency, or holding company of any entity specified in this subsection.

(9) "Umbrella bonds" means industrial development revenue bonds from which the proceeds are loaned, transferred, or otherwise made available to two or more users under this chapter.

- (10) "User" means one or more persons acting as lessee, purchaser, mortgagor, or borrower under a financing document and receiving or applying to receive revenues from bonds issued under this chapter.
- (11)) (4) "Public facilities" means a project of a local government or a federally recognized Indian tribe for the planning, acquisition, construction, repair, reconstruction, replacement, rehabilitation, or improvement of bridges, roads, domestic and industrial water, earth stabilization, sanitary sewer, storm sewer, railroad, electricity, telecommunications, transportation, natural gas, buildings or structures, and port facilities, all for the purpose of job creation, job retention, or job expansion.
- ((\frac{(12)}{)}) (5) "Rural county" ((means a county with a population density of fewer than one hundred persons per square mile as determined by the office of financial management)) has the same meaning as in RCW 82.14.370.
 - (((13) "Rural natural resources impact area" means:
- 20 (a) A nonmetropolitan county, as defined by the 1990 decennial 21 census, that meets three of the five criteria set forth in subsection 22 (14) of this section;
 - (b) A nonmetropolitan county with a population of less than forty thousand in the 1990 decennial census, that meets two of the five criteria as set forth in subsection (14) of this section; or
 - (c) A nonurbanized area, as defined by the 1990 decennial census, that is located in a metropolitan county that meets three of the five criteria set forth in subsection (14) of this section.
 - (14) For the purposes of designating rural natural resources impact areas, the following criteria shall be considered:
 - (a) A lumber and wood products employment location quotient at or above the state average;
 - (b) A commercial salmon fishing employment location quotient at or above the state average;
- 35 (c) Projected or actual direct lumber and wood products job losses 36 of one hundred positions or more;
- 37 (d) Projected or actual direct commercial salmon fishing job losses
 38 of one hundred positions or more; and

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(e) An unemployment rate twenty percent or more above the state average. The counties that meet these criteria shall be determined by the employment security department for the most recent year for which data is available. For the purposes of administration of programs under this chapter, the United States post office five digit zip code delivery areas will be used to determine residence status for eligibility purposes. For the purpose of this definition, a zip code delivery area of which any part is ten miles or more from an urbanized area is considered nonurbanized. A zip code totally surrounded by zip codes qualifying as nonurbanized under this definition is also considered nonurbanized. The office of financial management shall make available a zip code listing of the areas to all agencies and organizations providing services under this chapter.))

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- 14 **Sec. 4.** RCW 43.160.030 and 2004 c 252 s 2 are each amended to read 15 as follows:
- 16 (1) The community economic revitalization board is hereby created 17 to exercise the powers granted under this chapter.
 - (2) The board shall consist of one member from each of the two major caucuses of the house of representatives to be appointed by the speaker of the house and one member from each of the two major caucuses of the senate to be appointed by the president of the senate. board shall also consist of the following members appointed by the A recognized private or public sector economist; one port district official; one county official; one city official; representative federally recognized Indian of а tribe; one representative of the public; one representative of small businesses (a) The area west of Puget Sound, (b) the area east of Puget Sound and west of the Cascade range, (c) the area east of the Cascade range and west of the Columbia river, and (d) the area east of the Columbia river; one executive from large businesses each from the area west of the Cascades and the area east of the Cascades. appointive members shall initially be appointed to terms as follows: Three members for one-year terms, three members for two-year terms, and three members for three-year terms which shall include the chair. Thereafter each succeeding term shall be for three years. The chair of the board shall be selected by the governor. The members of the board shall elect one of their members to serve as vice-chair. The director

- of community, trade, and economic development, the director of revenue, the commissioner of employment security, and the secretary of transportation shall serve as nonvoting advisory members of the board.
 - (3) Management services, including fiscal and contract services, shall be provided by the department to assist the board in implementing this chapter ((and the allocation of private activity bonds)).
 - (4) Members of the board shall be reimbursed for travel expenses as provided in RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.
 - (5) If a vacancy occurs by death, resignation, or otherwise of appointive members of the board, the governor shall fill the same for the unexpired term. Members of the board may be removed for malfeasance or misfeasance in office, upon specific written charges by the governor, under chapter 34.05 RCW.
 - (6) A member appointed by the governor may not be absent from more than fifty percent of the regularly scheduled meetings in any one calendar year. Any member who exceeds this absence limitation is deemed to have withdrawn from the office and may be replaced by the governor.
- 19 **Sec. 5.** RCW 43.160.050 and 1996 c 51 s 4 are each amended to read 20 as follows:

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- 22 (1) Adopt bylaws for the regulation of its affairs and the conduct of its business.
 - (2) Adopt an official seal and alter the seal at its pleasure.
 - (3) Utilize the services of other governmental agencies.
- 26 (4) Accept from any federal agency loans or grants for the planning 27 or financing of any project and enter into an agreement with the agency 28 respecting the loans or grants.
 - (5) Conduct examinations and investigations and take testimony at public hearings of any matter material for its information that will assist in determinations related to the exercise of the board's lawful powers.
- 33 (6) Accept any gifts, grants, or loans of funds, property, or 34 financial or other aid in any form from any other source on any terms 35 and conditions which are not in conflict with this chapter.
- 36 (7) Exercise all the powers of a public corporation under chapter 37 39.84 RCW.

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(8) ((Invest any funds received in connection with industrial development revenue bond financing not required for immediate use, as the board considers appropriate, subject to any agreements with owners of bonds.

- (9) Arrange for lines of credit for industrial development revenue bonds from and enter into participation agreements with any financial institution.
- (10) Issue industrial development revenue bonds in one or more series for the purpose of defraying the cost of acquiring or improving any industrial development facility or facilities and securing the payment of the bonds as provided in this chapter.
- (11)) Enter into agreements or other transactions with and accept grants and the cooperation of any governmental agency in furtherance of this chapter.
- 15 (((12) Sell, purchase, or insure loans to finance the costs of industrial development facilities.
- 17 (13) Service, contract, and pay for the servicing of loans for 18 industrial development facilities.
 - (14) Provide financial analysis and technical assistance for industrial development facilities when the board reasonably considers it appropriate.
 - (15) Collect, with respect to industrial development revenue bonds, reasonable interest, fees, and charges for making and servicing its lease agreements, loan agreements, mortgage loans, notes, bonds, commitments, and other evidences of indebtedness. Interest, fees, and charges are limited to the amounts required to pay the costs of the board, including operating and administrative expenses and reasonable allowances for losses that may be incurred.
 - (16) Procure insurance or guarantees from any party as allowable under law, including a governmental agency, against any loss in connection with its lease agreements, loan agreements, mortgage loans, and other assets or property.
 - (17))) (9) Adopt rules under chapter 34.05 RCW as necessary to carry out the purposes of this chapter.
- $((\frac{18}{18}))$ (10) Do all acts and things necessary or convenient to carry out the powers expressly granted or implied under this chapter.

1 **Sec. 6.** RCW 43.160.060 and 2004 c 252 s 3 are each amended to read 2 as follows:

3 The board is authorized to make direct loans to political subdivisions of the state and to federally recognized Indian tribes for 4 the purposes of assisting the political subdivisions and federally 5 recognized Indian tribes in financing the cost of public facilities, 6 7 including development of land and improvements for public facilities, capital project-specific environmental, facilities, 8 land permitting, feasibility, and marketing studies and plans; project 9 10 design, site planning, and analysis; project debt and revenue impact analysis; as well as the construction, rehabilitation, alteration, 11 12 expansion, or improvement of the facilities. A grant may also be 13 authorized for purposes designated in this chapter, but only when, and 14 to the extent that, a loan is not reasonably possible, given the limited resources of the political subdivision or the federally 15 recognized Indian tribe and the finding by the board that financial 16 17 circumstances require grant assistance to enable the project to move forward. However, ((at least ten)) no more than twenty-five percent of 18 all financial assistance ((provided)) approved by the board in any 19 biennium ((shall)) may consist of grants to political subdivisions and 20 21 federally recognized Indian tribes.

Application for funds shall be made in the form and manner as the board may prescribe. In making grants or loans the board shall conform to the following requirements:

(1) The board shall not provide financial assistance:

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- (a) For a project the primary purpose of which is to facilitate or promote a retail shopping development or expansion.
- (b) For any project that evidence exists would result in a development or expansion that would displace existing jobs in any other community in the state.
- (c) ((For the acquisition of real property, including buildings and other fixtures which are a part of real property.
- $\frac{d}{d}$)) For a project the primary purpose of which is to facilitate or promote gambling.
- 35 (d) For a project located outside the jurisdiction of the applicant
 36 political subdivision or federally recognized Indian tribe.
 - (2) The board shall only provide financial assistance:

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(a) For ((those projects which would result in specific private developments or expansions (i) in manufacturing, production, food processing, assembly, warehousing, advanced technology, research and development, and industrial distribution; (ii) for processing recyclable materials or for facilities that support recycling, including processes not currently provided in the state, including but not limited to, de inking facilities, mixed waste paper, plastics, yard waste, and problem waste processing; (iii) for manufacturing facilities that rely significantly on recyclable materials, including but not limited to waste tires and mixed waste paper; (iv) which support the relocation of businesses from nondistressed urban areas to rural counties or rural natural resources impact areas; or (v) which substantially support the trading of goods or services outside of the state's borders.

- (b) For projects which it finds)) a project demonstrating convincing evidence that a specific private development or expansion is ready to occur and will occur only if the public facility improvement is made that:
- (i) Results in private investment that is consistent with recommendations developed by the state economic development commission pursuant to chapter 43.162 RCW; or
- (ii) Will improve the opportunities for the successful maintenance, establishment, or expansion of industrial or commercial plants or will otherwise assist in the creation or retention of long-term economic opportunities((\cdot, \cdot)):
- (((c) When the application includes convincing evidence that a specific private development or expansion is ready to occur and will occur only if the public facility improvement is made)) (b) For a project that cannot meet the requirement of (a) of this subsection but is a project that:
- (i) Results in private investment that is consistent with recommendations developed by the state economic development commission pursuant to chapter 43.162 RCW;
- (ii) Is part of a local economic development plan consistent with applicable state planning requirements;
- (iii) Can demonstrate project feasibility using standard economic
 principles; and
 - (iv) Is located in a rural county;

(c) For a tourism project that is located in a rural county; or

- (d) For site-specific plans, studies, and analyses that address environmental impacts, capital facilities, land use, permitting, feasibility, marketing, project engineering, design, site planning, and project debt and revenue impacts, as grants not to exceed fifty thousand dollars.
- (3) An application must demonstrate local match and local participation.
- (4) An application must be approved by the political subdivision and supported by the associate development organization or approved by the governing body of the federally recognized Indian tribe.
- 12 (5) The board shall develop guidelines for local participation and allowable match and activities.
- 14 (6) The board may allow de minimis general system improvements to
 15 be funded if they are critically linked to the viability of the
 16 project.
- $((\frac{3}{3}))$ The board shall prioritize each proposed project 18 according to:
 - (a) The relative benefits provided to the community by the jobs the project would create, not just the total number of jobs it would create after the project is completed and according to the unemployment rate in the area in which the jobs would be located; ((and))
 - (b) The rate of return of the state's investment, that includes the expected increase in state and local tax revenues associated with the project;
 - (c) Whether the proposed project will provide wages for employees that exceeds the average countywide hourly wage or offers a health insurance plan for employees that includes an option for dependents of employees; and
 - (d) Whether the public facility investment will also increase existing capacity necessary to accommodate projected population and employment growth or accomplish other growth management act requirements.
 - ((4))) (8) A responsible official of the political subdivision or the federally recognized Indian tribe shall be present during board deliberations and provide information that the board requests.
- 37 Before any financial assistance application is approved, the 38 political subdivision or the federally recognized Indian tribe seeking

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- 1 the assistance must demonstrate to the community economic
- 2 revitalization board that no other timely source of funding is
- 3 available to it at costs reasonably similar to financing available from
- 4 the community economic revitalization board.

- **Sec. 7.** RCW 43.160.070 and 1999 c 164 s 104 are each amended to read as follows:
 - Public facilities financial assistance, when authorized by the board, is subject to the following conditions:
 - (1) The moneys in the public facilities construction loan revolving account ((and the distressed county public facilities construction loan account)) shall be used solely to fulfill commitments arising from financial assistance authorized in this chapter ((or, during the 1989-91 fiscal biennium, for economic development purposes as appropriated by the legislature)). The total outstanding amount which the board shall dispense at any time pursuant to this section shall not exceed the moneys available from the account((s)). ((The total amount of outstanding financial assistance in Pierce, King, and Snohomish counties shall never exceed sixty percent of the total amount of outstanding financial assistance disbursed by the board under this chapter without reference to financial assistance provided under RCW 43.160.220.))
 - (2) On contracts made for public facilities loans the board shall determine the interest rate which loans shall bear. The interest rate shall not exceed ten percent per annum. The board may provide reasonable terms and conditions for repayment for loans, including partial forgiveness of loan principal and interest payments on projects located in rural counties ((or rural natural resources impact areas)), as the board determines. The loans shall not exceed twenty years in duration.
 - (3) Repayments of loans made from the public facilities construction loan revolving account under the contracts for public facilities construction loans shall be paid into the public facilities construction loan revolving account. ((Repayments of loans made from the distressed county public facilities construction loan account under the contracts for public facilities construction loans shall be paid into the distressed county public facilities construction loan

account.)) Repayments of loans from moneys from the new appropriation from the public works assistance account for the fiscal biennium ending June 30, 1999, shall be paid into the public works assistance account.

- (4) When every feasible effort has been made to provide loans and loans are not possible, the board may provide grants upon finding that unique circumstances exist.
- 7 Sec. 8. RCW 43.160.076 and 1999 c 164 s 105 are each reenacted and 8 amended to read as follows:
 - (1) Except as authorized to the contrary under subsection (2) of this section, from all funds available to the board for financial assistance in a biennium under this chapter ((without reference to financial assistance provided under RCW 43.160.220)), the board shall ((spend at least seventy five percent for financial assistance for projects in rural counties or rural natural resources impact areas)) approve sixty percent for financial assistance in urban counties and forty percent for rural counties.
 - (2) ((Iff at any time during the last six months of a biennium the board finds that the actual and anticipated applications for qualified projects in rural counties or rural natural resources impact areas are clearly insufficient to use up the seventy five percent allocation under subsection (1) of this section, then the board shall estimate the amount of the insufficiency and during the remainder of the biennium may use that amount of the allocation for financial assistance to projects not located in rural counties or rural natural resources impact areas)) If at any time during the last six months of the biennium the board finds that the actual and anticipated applications for qualified projects are insufficient to use up either the rural or the urban counties allocation under subsection (1) of this section, then the board shall estimate the amount of the insufficiency and during the remainder of the biennium may use that amount of the allocation for financial assistance throughout the state.
- **Sec. 9.** RCW 82.45.060 and 2005 c 450 s 1 are each amended to read 33 as follows:
 - There is imposed an excise tax upon each sale of real property at the rate of one and twenty-eight one-hundredths percent of the selling price. An amount equal to six and one-tenth percent of the proceeds of

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- this tax to the state treasurer shall be deposited in the public works 1 2 assistance account created in RCW 43.155.050. An amount equal to one and six-tenths percent of the proceeds of this tax to the state 3 treasurer shall be deposited in the city-county assistance account 4 5 created in RCW 43.08.290. An amount equal to three and three-tenths percent of the proceeds of this tax to the state treasurer shall be 6 deposited into the public facilities construction loan revolving 7 account created in RCW 43.160.080. 8
- 9 **Sec. 10.** RCW 43.160.080 and 1998 c 321 s 30 are each amended to 10 read as follows:

11 There shall be a fund in the state treasury known as the public 12 facilities construction loan revolving account, which shall consist of all moneys collected under this chapter((, except moneys of the board 13 collected in connection with the issuance of industrial development 14 15 revenue bonds and moneys deposited in the distressed county public 16 facilities construction loan account under RCW 43.160.220,)) and any 17 moneys appropriated to it by law((: PROVIDED, That seventy-five percent of all principal and interest payments on loans made with the 18 19 proceeds deposited in the account under section 901, chapter 57, Laws 20 of 1983 1st ex. sess. shall be deposited in the general fund as 21 reimbursement for debt service payments on the bonds authorized in RCW Disbursements from the revolving account shall be on 22 23 authorization of the board. In order to maintain an effective expenditure and revenue control, the public facilities construction 24 loan revolving account shall be subject in all respects to chapter 25 26 43.88 RCW.

- 27 **Sec. 11.** RCW 82.46.010 and 1994 c 272 s 1 are each amended to read 28 as follows:
 - (1) The legislative authority of any county or city shall identify in the adopted budget the capital projects funded in whole or in part from the proceeds of the tax authorized in this section, and shall indicate that such tax is intended to be in addition to other funds that may be reasonably available for such capital projects.
- 34 (2) The legislative authority of any county or any city may impose 35 an excise tax on each sale of real property in the unincorporated areas 36 of the county for the county tax and in the corporate limits of the

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city for the city tax at a rate not exceeding one-quarter of one percent of the selling price. The revenues from this tax shall be used by any city or county with a population of five thousand or less and any city or county that does not plan under RCW 36.70A.040 for any capital purpose identified in a capital improvements plan and local capital improvements, including those listed in RCW 35.43.040.

After April 30, 1992, revenues generated from the tax imposed under this subsection in counties over five thousand population and cities over five thousand population that are required or choose to plan under RCW 36.70A.040 shall be used solely for financing capital projects specified in a capital facilities plan element of a comprehensive plan and housing relocation assistance under RCW 59.18.440 and 59.18.450. However, revenues (a) pledged by such counties and cities to debt retirement prior to April 30, 1992, may continue to be used for that purpose until the original debt for which the revenues were pledged is retired, or (b) committed prior to April 30, 1992, by such counties or cities to a project may continue to be used for that purpose until the project is completed.

- (3) In lieu of imposing the tax authorized in RCW 82.14.030(2), the legislative authority of any county or any city may impose an additional excise tax on each sale of real property in the unincorporated areas of the county for the county tax and in the corporate limits of the city for the city tax at a rate not exceeding one-half of one percent of the selling price.
- (4) Taxes imposed under this section shall be collected from persons who are taxable by the state under chapter 82.45 RCW upon the occurrence of any taxable event within the unincorporated areas of the county or within the corporate limits of the city, as the case may be.
- (5) Taxes imposed under this section shall comply with all applicable rules, regulations, laws, and court decisions regarding real estate excise taxes as imposed by the state under chapter 82.45 RCW.
- (6) As used in this section, "city" means any city or town and "capital project" means those public works projects of a local government for planning, acquisition, construction, reconstruction, repair, replacement, rehabilitation, or improvement of streets; roads; highways; sidewalks; street and road lighting systems; traffic signals; bridges; domestic water systems; storm and sanitary sewer systems; parks; recreational facilities; law enforcement facilities; fire

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- protection facilities; trails; libraries; administrative and/or judicial facilities; and river and/or waterway flood control projects by those jurisdictions that, prior to June 11, 1992, have expended funds derived from the tax authorized by this section for such purposes((; and, until December 31, 1995, housing projects for those jurisdictions that, prior to June 11, 1992, have expended or committed to expend funds derived from the tax authorized by this section or the tax authorized by RCW 82.46.035 for such purposes)).
 - Sec. 12. RCW 82.46.035 and 1992 c 221 s 3 and 1991 sp.s. c 32 s 33 are each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

- (1) The legislative authority of any county or city shall identify in the adopted budget the capital projects funded in whole or in part from the proceeds of the tax authorized in this section, and shall indicate that such tax is intended to be in addition to other funds that may be reasonably available for such capital projects.
- (2) The legislative authority of any county or any city that plans under RCW 36.70A.040(1) may impose an additional excise tax on each sale of real property in the unincorporated areas of the county for the county tax and in the corporate limits of the city for the city tax at a rate not exceeding one-quarter of one percent of the selling price. Any county choosing to plan under RCW 36.70A.040(2) and any city within such a county may only adopt an ordinance imposing the excise tax authorized by this section if the ordinance is first authorized by a proposition approved by a majority of the voters of the taxing district voting on the proposition at a general election held within the district or at a special election within the taxing district called by the district for the purpose of submitting such proposition to the voters.
- (3) Revenues generated from the tax imposed under subsection (2) of this section shall be used by such counties and cities solely for financing capital projects specified in a capital facilities plan element of a comprehensive plan. However, revenues (a) pledged by such counties and cities to debt retirement prior to March 1, 1992, may continue to be used for that purpose until the original debt for which the revenues were pledged is retired, or (b) committed prior to March 1, 1992, by such counties or cities to a project may continue to be used for that purpose until the project is completed.

- 1 (4) Revenues generated by the tax imposed by this section shall be deposited in a separate account.
 - (5) As used in this section, "city" means any city or town and "capital project" means those public works projects of a local government for planning, acquisition, construction, reconstruction, repair, replacement, rehabilitation, or improvement of streets, roads, highways, sidewalks, street and road lighting systems, traffic signals, bridges, domestic water systems, storm and sanitary sewer systems, ((and planning, construction, reconstruction, repair, rehabilitation, or improvement of)) parks, recreational facilities, law enforcement facilities, fire protection facilities, trails, libraries, and
- (6) When the governor files a notice of noncompliance under RCW 36.70A.340 with the secretary of state and the appropriate county or city, the county or city's authority to impose the additional excise tax under this section shall be temporarily rescinded until the governor files a subsequent notice rescinding the notice of noncompliance.
- 19 **Sec. 13.** 2005 c 425 s 6 (uncodified) is amended to read as 20 follows:
- 21 This act expires June 30, ((2011)) 2009.

administrative and/or judicial facilities.

- 22 **Sec. 14.** 2006 c 371 s 238 (uncodified) is amended to read as follows:
- 24 (1) Section 229 of this act expires June 30, ((2011)) 2009.
- 25 (2) Section 231 of this act expires June 30, 2007.
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 15. The following acts or parts of acts are each repealed:
- 28 (1) RCW 43.160.100 (Status of board) and 1984 c 257 s 3;
- 29 (2) RCW 43.160.120 (Commingling of funds prohibited) and 1984 c 257 30 s 5;
- 31 (3) RCW 43.160.130 (Personal liability) and 1984 c 257 s 6;
- 32 (4) RCW 43.160.140 (Accounts) and 1987 c 422 s 8 & 1984 c 257 s 7;
- 33 (5) RCW 43.160.150 (Faith and credit not pledged) and 1984 c 257 s
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35 (6) RCW 43.160.160 (Security) and 1984 c 257 s 9;

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- 1 (7) RCW 43.160.170 (Special reserve account) and 1984 c 257 s 10;
- 2 (8) RCW 43.160.200 (Economic development account--Eligibility for
- 3 assistance) and 2004 c 252 s 4, 1999 c 164 s 107, 1996 c 51 s 9, & 1995
- 4 c 226 s 16;
- 5 (9) RCW 43.160.210 (Distressed counties--Twenty percent of financial assistance) and 1998 c 321 s 31 & 1998 c 55 s 5; and
- 7 (10) RCW 43.160.220 (Distressed county public facilities 8 construction loan account) and 1998 c 321 s 9.
- 9 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 16.** Sections 2 through 10 and 15 of this act 10 take effect July 1, 2009.

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