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1 AN ACT Relating to a pilot program for enforcement of financial
2 fraud and identity theft laws; creating a new section; and making an
3 appropriation.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) It is the intent of the legislature to
6 create a pilot program to provide assistance for jurisdictions
7 enforcing financial fraud and identity theft laws.

8 (2) Three pilot enforcement areas shall be established beginning on
9 January 1, 2008, two in the two largest counties by population west of
10 the crest of the Cascade mountains, and one in the largest county by
11 population east of the crest of the Cascade mountains.

12 (3) Funding received for the purposes of this section through
13 appropriations, gifts, and grants shall be divided equally between the
14 three pilot enforcement areas. This funding is intended to provide for
15 additional deputy prosecutors, law enforcement, clerical staff, and
16 other support for the prosecution of financial fraud and identity theft
17 crimes. County prosecutors are encouraged to utilize and share
18 resources that operate in the region through the use of interlocal
19 agreements. The funding appropriated for this purpose must not be used

1 to supplant existing funding and cannot be used for any purpose other
2 than the enforcement of financial fraud and identity theft laws.
3 Appropriated state funds must be used to match gifts and grants of
4 private sector funds for the purposes of this section, and expenditure
5 of appropriated state funds may not exceed expenditure of private
6 funds.

7 (4) The department of community, trade, and economic development
8 shall appoint a task force in each county with a pilot enforcement
9 area. Each task force shall include the following members:

- 10 (a) Two members from financial institutions;
- 11 (b) One member of the Washington association of county prosecutors;
- 12 (c) One member of the Washington association of sheriffs and police
13 chiefs;
- 14 (d) One member of the Washington state association of municipal
15 attorneys; and
- 16 (e) One law enforcement officer.

17 (5) The task force in each county shall provide advice and
18 expertise in order to facilitate the prosecutor's efforts to prosecute
19 and reduce the incidence of financial fraud and identity theft crimes.

20 (6) For the purposes of this section, "financial fraud and identity
21 theft crimes" include those that involve: Check fraud, chronic
22 unlawful issuance of bank checks, embezzlement, credit/debit card
23 fraud, identity theft, forgery, counterfeit instruments (checks,
24 documents, etc.), organized counterfeit check rings, and organized ID
25 theft rings.

26 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The sum of dollars, or as much
27 thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for the fiscal year ending
28 June 30, 2008, from the general fund to the department of community,
29 trade, and economic development to be used as matching funds for the
30 purposes of section 1 of this act.

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