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HOUSE BILL 2240

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By Representatives Huff, Linville, Wolfe and Poulsen; by request of Governor Locke

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1 AN ACT Relating to the efficient use of general fund moneys; adding  
2 new sections to chapter 43.79 RCW; and making appropriations.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 43.79 RCW  
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) The savings incentive account is created in the custody of the  
7 state treasurer. The account shall consist of all moneys appropriated  
8 to the account by the legislature. The account is subject to the  
9 allotment procedures under chapter 43.88 RCW, but no appropriation is  
10 required for expenditures from the account.

11 (2) Within the savings incentive account, the state treasurer may  
12 create subaccounts to be credited with moneys attributable to  
13 individual state agencies, as determined by the office of financial  
14 management in consultation with the legislative fiscal committees.  
15 Moneys deposited in the subaccounts may be expended only on the  
16 authorization of the agency's executive head or designee and only for  
17 the purpose of one-time expenditures to improve the quality,  
18 efficiency, and effectiveness of services to customers of the state,  
19 such as one-time expenditures for employee training, employee

1 incentives, technology improvements, new work processes, or performance  
2 measurement. Funds may not be expended from the account to establish  
3 new programs or services, expand existing programs or services, or  
4 incur ongoing costs that would require future expenditures.

5 (3) For purposes of this section, "incentive savings" means state  
6 general fund appropriations that are unspent as of June 30th of a  
7 fiscal year, excluding any amounts included in across-the-board  
8 reductions under RCW 43.88.110 and excluding unspent appropriations for  
9 (a) caseload and enrollment in entitlement programs, (b) enrollments in  
10 state institutions of higher education, (c) a specific amount contained  
11 in a condition or limitation to an appropriation in the biennial  
12 appropriations act, if the agency did not achieve the purpose of the  
13 condition or limitation, (d) debt service on state obligations, and (e)  
14 state retirement system obligations. The office of fiscal management,  
15 after consulting with the legislative fiscal committees, shall report  
16 to the treasurer the amount of savings incentives achieved.

17 (4) By December 1, 1998, and each December 1st thereafter, the  
18 office of financial management shall submit a report to the fiscal  
19 committees of the legislature on the implementation of this section.  
20 The report shall (a) evaluate the impact of this section on agency  
21 reversions and end-of-biennium expenditure patterns, and (b) itemize  
22 agency expenditures from the savings recovery account.

23 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 43.79 RCW  
24 to read as follows:

25 The education savings account is created in the custody of the  
26 state treasurer. The account shall consist of all moneys appropriated  
27 to the account by the legislature. The account is subject to the  
28 allotment procedures under chapter 43.88 RCW, but no appropriation is  
29 required for expenditures from the account.

30 Expenditures from the account may be authorized solely by the state  
31 board of education and solely for (1) common school construction  
32 projects that are eligible for funding from the common school  
33 construction account, and (2) technology improvements in the common  
34 schools.

35 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The sum of seventy-five million dollars, or  
36 so much thereof as may be available on June 30, 1997, from the total  
37 amount of unspent fiscal year 1997 state general fund appropriations,

1 is appropriated for the purposes of sections 1 and 2 of this act in the  
2 manner provided in this section.

3 (1) Of the total appropriated amount, one-half of that portion that  
4 is attributable to incentive savings under section 1 of this act, not  
5 to exceed twenty-five million dollars, is appropriated to the savings  
6 incentive account, for the purpose of improving the quality,  
7 efficiency, and effectiveness of agency services.

8 (2) The remainder of the total amount, not to exceed seventy  
9 million dollars, is appropriated to the education savings account for  
10 the purpose of common school construction projects.

11 (3) For purposes of this section, the total amount of unspent state  
12 general fund appropriations does not include the appropriations made in  
13 this section or any amounts included in across-the-board allotment  
14 reductions under RCW 43.88.110.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** The sum of seventy-five million dollars, or  
16 so much thereof as may be available on June 30, 1998, from the total  
17 amount of unspent fiscal year 1998 state general fund appropriations,  
18 is appropriated for the purposes of sections 1 and 2 of this act in the  
19 manner provided in this section.

20 (1) Of the total appropriated amount, one-half of that portion that  
21 is attributable to incentive savings under section 1 of this act, not  
22 to exceed twenty-five million dollars, is appropriated to the savings  
23 incentive account, for the purpose of improving the quality,  
24 efficiency, and effectiveness of agency services.

25 (2) The remainder of the total amount, not to exceed seventy  
26 million dollars, is appropriated to the education savings account for  
27 the purpose of common school construction projects.

28 (3) For purposes of this section, the total amount of unspent state  
29 general fund appropriations does not include the appropriations made in  
30 this section or any amounts included in across-the-board allotment  
31 reductions under RCW 43.88.110.

32 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** The sum of seventy-five million dollars, or  
33 so much thereof as may be available on June 30, 1999, from the total  
34 amount of unspent fiscal year 1999 state general fund appropriations,  
35 is appropriated for the purposes of sections 1 and 2 of this act in the  
36 manner provided in this section.

1 (1) Of the total appropriated amount, one-half of that portion that  
2 is attributable to incentive savings under section 1 of this act, not  
3 to exceed twenty-five million dollars, is appropriated to the savings  
4 incentive account, for the purpose of improving the quality,  
5 efficiency, and effectiveness of agency services.

6 (2) The remainder of the total amount, not to exceed seventy  
7 million dollars, is appropriated to the education savings account for  
8 the purpose of common school construction projects.

9 (3) For purposes of this section, the total amount of unspent state  
10 general fund appropriations does not include the appropriations made in  
11 this section or any amounts included in across-the-board allotment  
12 reductions under RCW 43.88.110.

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