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Brief Description: Apportioning a sales and use tax for zoos, aquariums, wildlife preserves, and regional parks.

HB 3105.E - DIGEST

(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Provides that, in lieu of the charge for the administration and collection of local sales and use taxes under RCW 82.14.050 from which the county is exempt, a percentage of the tax revenues authorized by this act equal to one-half of the maximum percentage provided in RCW 82.14.050 shall be transferred annually to the department of community, trade, and economic development, or its successor agency, from the funds allocated under this act for a period of twelve years from the first date of distribution of funds under this act. The department of community, trade, and economic development, or its successor agency, shall use funds transferred to it to provide, operate, and maintain community-based housing under chapter 43.185 RCW for persons who are mentally ill.

Declares that, if the joint request and the authorizing proposition include provisions for funding those costs included within this act, the tax revenues authorized by this act shall be allocated annually as follows: (1) Fifty percent to the zoo and aquarium advisory authority; and

(2) fifty percent to be distributed on a per capita basis as set out in the most recent population figures for unincorporated and incorporated areas only within that county, as determined by the office of financial management, solely for parks, as follows: To any metropolitan park district, to cities and towns not contained within a metropolitan park district, and the remainder to the county. Moneys received under this act by a county may not be used to replace or supplant existing per capita funding.

Provides that, prior to expenditure of any funds received by the county under this act, the county shall establish a process which considers needs throughout the unincorporated areas of the county in consultation with community advisory councils established by ordinance.

Requires that, by December 31, 2005, and thereafter, the county or any city with a population greater than eighty thousand must provide at least one dollar match for every two dollars received under this act.

Declares that properties subject to a memorandum of agreement between the federal bureau of land management, the advisory council on historic preservation, and the Washington state historic preservation officer have priority for funding from money received under this act for implementation of the stipulations in the memorandum of agreement.

Requires that at least one hundred thousand dollars of the first four years of allocations under this act, to be matched by the county or city with one dollar for every two dollars received,

shall be used to implement the stipulations of the memorandum of agreement and for other historical, archaeological, architectural, and cultural preservation and improvements related to the properties.