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By Representatives H. Sommers, Sehlin, Romero, Wood and Schindler; by request of Secretary of State

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1 AN ACT Relating to local government records; amending RCW
2 36.22.175; adding a new section to chapter 36.22 RCW; repealing 1996 c
3 245 s 2 (uncodified); providing an effective date; and declaring an
4 emergency.

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

6 **Sec. 1.** RCW 36.22.175 and 1996 c 245 s 1 are each amended to read
7 as follows:

8 In addition to any other charge authorized by law, the county
9 auditor shall charge a surcharge of one dollar per instrument for each
10 document recorded. Revenue generated through this surcharge shall be
11 transmitted monthly to the state treasurer for deposit in the archives
12 and records management account. These funds shall be used solely for
13 providing records scheduling, security microfilm inspection and
14 storage, archival preservation, cataloging, and indexing for local
15 government records and access to those records through the regional
16 branch archives of the division of archives and records management.
17 (~~(This section shall expire June 30, 2001.)~~)

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 36.22 RCW
2 to read as follows:

3 (1) The division of archives and records management shall establish
4 a competitive process to solicit and prioritize project proposals for
5 potential funding by surplus funds from the auditor surcharge and tax
6 warrant surcharge revenues. Application for specific projects may be
7 made by local government agencies only. The state archivist shall
8 adopt rules governing project eligibility and evaluation criteria.

9 (2) The advisory committee established under RCW 40.14.027 will
10 review proposals and establish a prioritized list of projects to be
11 considered for funding by September 1st of each odd-numbered year,
12 beginning in 2001. The evaluation of proposals and development of the
13 prioritized list must be developed through open public meetings.
14 Funding for projects will be granted according to the ranking of each
15 application on the prioritized list and projects will be funded only to
16 the extent that funds are available.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** 1996 c 245 s 2 (uncodified) is repealed.

18 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** This act is necessary for the immediate
19 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
20 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect
21 June 30, 2001.

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