
SENATE BILL 6674

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By Senators Hale, Hewitt, Keiser, Costa, McCaslin and Sheahan

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1 AN ACT Relating to sales and use tax revenue from the construction
2 of a nuclear waste treatment and immobilization plant; adding a new
3 section to chapter 82.32 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 70.99
4 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature recognizes the fiscal impact
7 the proposed nuclear waste treatment and immobilization plant at
8 Hanford would have on local government operations from the influx of
9 thousands of temporary workers constructing the plant. The legislature
10 further recognizes that construction will take place on a federal
11 reservation that is exempt from property taxation. Therefore, the
12 local governments would recover no tax revenue to offset these
13 increased costs.

14 It is the intent of the legislature to create a special impact
15 mitigation assistance program funded by ten percent of the state's
16 portion of the sales and use taxes collected on the construction of the
17 project.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 82.32 RCW
2 to read as follows:

3 An amount equal to ten percent of the state portion of sales and
4 use taxes paid under chapters 82.08 and 82.12 RCW on the construction
5 of a nuclear waste treatment and immobilization plant shall be
6 deposited into the nuclear waste mitigation account under section 3 of
7 this act.

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 70.99 RCW
9 to read as follows:

10 The nuclear waste mitigation account is created in the custody of
11 the state treasurer. Receipts from section 2 of this act must be
12 deposited into the account. The department of revenue will annually
13 distribute ten percent of the state portion of sales and use taxes
14 under chapters 82.08 and 82.12 RCW collected on the construction of a
15 nuclear waste treatment facility to the county or counties where
16 construction takes place. Money received by a county or counties must
17 be distributed by the county or counties to local governments using a
18 formula devised by the Hanford communities organization, created
19 pursuant to interlocal agreement under chapter 39.34 RCW. Only the
20 director of the department of revenue or the director's designee may
21 authorize the annual distributions from this account. The account is
22 subject to allotment procedures under chapter 43.88 RCW, but an
23 appropriation is not required for expenditures.

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