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By Representatives Tharinger, Fey, Lytton, Van De Wege, Stanford, Fitzgibbon, Walkinshaw, Cody, Pollet, and Jenkins; by request of Department of Health

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1 AN ACT Relating to increasing the surcharge to fund biotoxin
2 testing and monitoring; and amending RCW 77.32.555.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 77.32.555 and 2009 c 577 s 1 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 (1) In addition to the fees authorized in this chapter, the
7 department shall include a surcharge to fund biotoxin testing and
8 monitoring by the department of health of beaches used for
9 recreational shellfishing, and to fund monitoring by the Olympic
10 region harmful algal bloom program of the Olympic natural resources
11 center at the University of Washington. A surcharge of (~~three~~) four
12 dollars applies to resident and nonresident shellfish and seaweed
13 licenses as authorized by RCW 77.32.520(3) (a) and (b); a surcharge
14 of (~~two~~) three dollars applies to resident and nonresident adult
15 combination licenses as authorized by RCW 77.32.470(2)(a); a
16 surcharge of (~~two~~) three dollars applies to annual resident and
17 nonresident razor clam licenses as authorized by RCW 77.32.520(4);
18 and a surcharge of (~~one~~) two dollars applies to the three-day razor
19 clam license authorized by RCW 77.32.520(5). Amounts collected from
20 these surcharges must be deposited in the biotoxin account created in
21 subsection (3) of this section.

1 (2) Any moneys from surcharges remaining in the general fund—
2 local account after the 2007-2009 biennium must be transferred to the
3 biotoxin account created in subsection (3) of this section and be
4 credited to the appropriate institution. The department of health and
5 the University of Washington shall, by December 1st of each year,
6 provide a letter to the relevant legislative policy and fiscal
7 committees on the status of expenditures. This letter shall include,
8 but is not limited to, the annual appropriation amount, the amount
9 not expended, account fund balance, and reasons for not spending the
10 full annual appropriation.

11 (3) The biotoxin account is created in the state treasury to be
12 administered by the department of health. All moneys received under
13 subsection (1) of this section must be deposited in the account and
14 used by the department of health and the University of Washington as
15 required by subsection (1) of this section. Of the moneys deposited
16 into the account, one hundred fifty thousand dollars per year must be
17 made available to the University of Washington to implement
18 subsection (1) of this section. Moneys in the account may be spent
19 only after appropriation.

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