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SENATE BILL 6306

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By Senator Frockt

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- AN ACT Relating to clarifying the use of the Puget Sound taxpayer accountability account to include facilities to improve educational outcomes in early learning, K-12, and higher education; and amending RCW 43.79.520.
- 5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
- 6 **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.79.520 and 2015 3rd sp.s. c 44 s 423 are each 7 amended to read as follows:
 - (1) The Puget Sound taxpayer accountability account is created in the state treasury. Moneys in the account may be spent only after appropriation. Expenditures from the account may only be used for distribution to counties where a portion of the county is within the boundaries of a regional transit authority that includes a county with a population of one million five hundred thousand or more. Counties may use distributions from the account only for either educational services or facilities, or both, to improve educational outcomes in early learning, K-12, and higher education including, but not limited to, for youths that are low-income, homeless, or in foster care, or other vulnerable populations. Counties receiving distributions under this section must track all expenditures and uses of the funds. To the greatest extent practicable, the expenditures of

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the counties must follow the requirements of any transportation subarea equity element used by the regional transit authority.

 (2) Beginning September 1, 2017, and by the last day of September, December, March, and June of each year thereafter, the state treasurer shall distribute moneys deposited in the Puget Sound taxpayer accountability account to counties for which a portion of the county is within the boundaries of a regional transit authority that includes a county with a population of one million five hundred thousand. The treasurer must make the distribution to the counties on the relative basis of that transit authority's population that lives within the respective counties.

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