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**SENATE BILL 6696**

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**By** Senators O'Ban, Braun, Becker, Rivers, Schoesler, Brown, Warnick, Honeyford, Muzzall, Wagoner, Cleveland, Das, Zeiger, Short, Wilson, L., King, Holy, Darneille, Saldaña, Padden, and Kuderer

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1 AN ACT Relating to making expenditures from the budget  
2 stabilization account for declared catastrophic events; making an  
3 appropriation; creating new sections; and declaring an emergency.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** On February 29, 2020, the governor  
6 declared a state of emergency in all counties due to threats of life  
7 and property from the novel coronavirus (COVID-19).

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** FOR THE DISASTER RESPONSE ACCOUNT. The  
9 state treasurer must transfer the sum of one hundred million dollars  
10 from the budget stabilization account to the disaster response  
11 account. This amount is provided solely for response and recovery  
12 efforts related to the declared emergency from the coronavirus  
13 (COVID-19). For purposes of RCW 43.88.055(4), the transfer in this  
14 section does not alter the requirement to balance in the ensuing  
15 biennia.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** FOR THE OFFICE OF FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT.  
17 The sum of one hundred million dollars or as much thereof as may be  
18 necessary, is appropriated from the disaster response account for  
19 costs incurred by state agencies and local governments in response to

1 the declared emergency from the coronavirus (COVID-19). The  
2 appropriation in this section is subject to the following conditions  
3 and limitations:

4 (a) The office of financial management must provide monthly  
5 updates on spending from this appropriation to the fiscal committees  
6 of the legislature; and

7 (b) Funding from this section may not be used to supplant  
8 existing federal, state, and local funds for services and activities  
9 that will assist in the response to the coronavirus (COVID-19).  
10 Additionally, agencies and local governments must demonstrate maximum  
11 use of available federal funds for coronavirus (COVID-19) response  
12 and recovery efforts before seeking funding from this appropriation.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** This act is necessary for the immediate  
14 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of  
15 the state government and its existing public institutions, and takes  
16 effect immediately.

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