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1 AN ACT Relating to local public health governance and financing;
2 amending RCW 82.14.200; reenacting and amending RCW 82.44.110; adding
3 a new section to chapter 70.05 RCW; and providing an effective date.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 70.05 RCW
6 to read as follows:

7 (1) The county public health account is created in the state
8 treasury. Funds deposited in the county public health account shall be
9 distributed by the state treasurer to each local public health
10 jurisdiction based upon amounts certified to it by the department of
11 community, trade, and economic development in consultation with the
12 Washington state association of counties. The account shall include
13 funds distributed under RCW 82.44.110 and such funds as are
14 appropriated to the account from the county sales and use tax
15 equalization account under RCW 82.14.200, the health services account
16 under RCW 43.72.900, the public health services account under RCW
17 43.72.902, and such other funds as the legislature may appropriate to
18 it.

1 (2) The director of the department of community, trade, and
2 economic development shall certify the amounts to be distributed to
3 each local public health jurisdiction using 1995 as the base year of
4 actual city contributions to local public health. The county treasurer
5 shall certify the actual 1995 city contribution to the department.
6 Funds in excess of the base shall be distributed proportionately among
7 the health jurisdictions based on population figures as last determined
8 by the office of financial management.

9 (3) Moneys distributed under this section shall be expended
10 exclusively for local public health purposes.

11 **Sec. 2.** RCW 82.14.200 and 1991 sp.s. c 13 s 15 are each amended to
12 read as follows:

13 There is created in the state treasury a special account to be
14 known as the "county sales and use tax equalization account." Into
15 this account shall be placed a portion of all motor vehicle excise tax
16 receipts as provided in RCW 82.44.110(1)(f). Funds in this account
17 shall be allocated by the state treasurer according to the following
18 procedure:

19 (1) Prior to April 1st of each year the director of revenue shall
20 inform the state treasurer of the total and the per capita levels of
21 revenues for the unincorporated area of each county and the state-wide
22 weighted average per capita level of revenues for the unincorporated
23 areas of all counties imposing the sales and use tax authorized under
24 RCW 82.14.030(1) for the previous calendar year.

25 (2) At such times as distributions are made under RCW 82.44.150, as
26 now or hereafter amended, the state treasurer shall apportion to each
27 county imposing the sales and use tax under RCW 82.14.030(1) at the
28 maximum rate and receiving less than one hundred fifty thousand dollars
29 from the tax for the previous calendar year, an amount from the county
30 sales and use tax equalization account sufficient, when added to the
31 amount of revenues received the previous calendar year by the county,
32 to equal one hundred fifty thousand dollars.

33 The department of revenue shall establish a governmental price
34 index as provided in this subsection. The base year for the index
35 shall be the end of the third quarter of 1982. Prior to November 1,
36 1983, and prior to each November 1st thereafter, the department of
37 revenue shall establish another index figure for the third quarter of
38 that year. The department of revenue may use the implicit price

1 deflators for state and local government purchases of goods and
2 services calculated by the United States department of commerce to
3 establish the governmental price index. Beginning on January 1, 1984,
4 and each January 1st thereafter, the one hundred fifty thousand dollar
5 base figure in this subsection shall be adjusted in direct proportion
6 to the percentage change in the governmental price index from 1982
7 until the year before the adjustment. Distributions made under this
8 subsection for 1984 and thereafter shall use this adjusted base amount
9 figure.

10 (3) Subsequent to the distributions under subsection (2) of this
11 section and at such times as distributions are made under RCW
12 82.44.150, as now or hereafter amended, the state treasurer shall
13 apportion to each county imposing the sales and use tax under RCW
14 82.14.030(1) at the maximum rate and receiving less than seventy
15 percent of the state-wide weighted average per capita level of revenues
16 for the unincorporated areas of all counties as determined by the
17 department of revenue under subsection (1) of this section, an amount
18 from the county sales and use tax equalization account sufficient, when
19 added to the per capita level of revenues for the unincorporated area
20 received the previous calendar year by the county, to equal seventy
21 percent of the state-wide weighted average per capita level of revenues
22 for the unincorporated areas of all counties determined under
23 subsection (1) of this section, subject to reduction under subsections
24 (6) and (7) of this section. When computing distributions under this
25 section, any distribution under subsection (2) of this section shall be
26 considered revenues received from the tax imposed under RCW
27 82.14.030(1) for the previous calendar year.

28 (4) Subsequent to the distributions under subsection (3) of this
29 section and at such times as distributions are made under RCW
30 82.44.150, as now or hereafter amended, the state treasurer shall
31 apportion to each county imposing the sales and use tax under RCW
32 82.14.030(2) at the maximum rate and receiving a distribution under
33 subsection (2) of this section, a third distribution from the county
34 sales and use tax equalization account. The distribution to each
35 qualifying county shall be equal to the distribution to the county
36 under subsection (2) of this section, subject to the reduction under
37 subsections (6) and (7) of this section. To qualify for the total
38 distribution under this subsection, the county must impose the tax
39 under RCW 82.14.030(2) for the entire calendar year. Counties imposing

1 the tax for less than the full year shall qualify for prorated
2 allocations under this subsection proportionate to the number of months
3 of the year during which the tax is imposed.

4 (5) Subsequent to the distributions under subsection (4) of this
5 section and at such times as distributions are made under RCW
6 82.44.150, as now or hereafter amended, the state treasurer shall
7 apportion to each county imposing the sales and use tax under RCW
8 82.14.030(2) at the maximum rate and receiving a distribution under
9 subsection (3) of this section, a fourth distribution from the county
10 sales and use tax equalization account. The distribution to each
11 qualifying county shall be equal to the distribution to the county
12 under subsection (3) of this section, subject to the reduction under
13 subsections (6) and (7) of this section. To qualify for the
14 distributions under this subsection, the county must impose the tax
15 under RCW 82.14.030(2) for the entire calendar year. Counties imposing
16 the tax for less than the full year shall qualify for prorated
17 allocations under this subsection proportionate to the number of months
18 of the year during which the tax is imposed.

19 (6) Revenues distributed under this section in any calendar year
20 shall not exceed an amount equal to seventy percent of the state-wide
21 weighted average per capita level of revenues for the unincorporated
22 areas of all counties during the previous calendar year. If
23 distributions under subsections (3) through (5) of this section cannot
24 be made because of this limitation, then distributions under
25 subsections (3) through (5) of this section shall be reduced ratably
26 among the qualifying counties.

27 (7) If inadequate revenues exist in the county sales and use tax
28 equalization account to make the distributions under subsections (3)
29 through (5) of this section, then the distributions under subsections
30 (3) through (5) of this section shall be reduced ratably among the
31 qualifying counties. At such time during the year as additional funds
32 accrue to the county sales and use tax equalization account, additional
33 distributions shall be made under subsections (3) through (5) of this
34 section to the counties.

35 (8) If the level of revenues in the county sales and use tax
36 equalization account exceeds the amount necessary to make the
37 distributions under subsections (2) through (5) of this section, then
38 the additional revenues shall be ~~((credited and transferred to the
39 state general fund))~~ apportioned among the several counties within the

1 state ratably on the basis of population as last determined by the
2 office of financial management.

3 **Sec. 3.** RCW 82.44.110 and 1993 sp.s. c 21 s 7 and 1993 c 492 s 253
4 are each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

5 The county auditor shall regularly, when remitting license fee
6 receipts, pay over and account to the director of licensing for the
7 excise taxes collected under the provisions of this chapter. The
8 director shall forthwith transmit the excise taxes to the state
9 treasurer.

10 (1) The state treasurer shall deposit the excise taxes collected
11 under RCW 82.44.020(1) as follows:

12 (a) 1.60 percent into the motor vehicle fund to defray
13 administrative and other expenses incurred by the department in the
14 collection of the excise tax.

15 (b) 8.15 percent into the Puget Sound capital construction account
16 in the motor vehicle fund.

17 (c) 4.07 percent into the Puget Sound ferry operations account in
18 the motor vehicle fund.

19 (d) 5.88 percent into the general fund to be distributed under RCW
20 82.44.155.

21 (e) 4.75 percent into the municipal sales and use tax equalization
22 account in the general fund created in RCW 82.14.210.

23 (f) 1.60 percent into the county sales and use tax equalization
24 account in the general fund created in RCW 82.14.200.

25 (g) 62.6440 percent into the general fund through June 30, 1995,
26 and 57.6440 percent into the general fund beginning July 1, 1995.

27 (h) 5 percent into the transportation fund created in RCW 82.44.180
28 beginning July 1, 1995.

29 (i) 5.9686 percent into the county criminal justice assistance
30 account created in RCW 82.14.310.

31 (j) 1.1937 percent into the municipal criminal justice assistance
32 account for distribution under RCW 82.14.320.

33 (k) 1.1937 percent into the municipal criminal justice assistance
34 account for distribution under RCW 82.14.330.

35 (l) 2.95 percent into the ~~((general fund to be distributed by the~~
36 ~~state treasurer to county health departments to be used exclusively for~~
37 ~~public health. The state treasurer shall distribute these funds~~
38 ~~proportionately among the counties based on population as determined by~~

1 ~~the most recent United States census))~~ county public health account
2 created in section 1 of this act.

3 Notwithstanding (i) through (k) of this subsection, no more than
4 sixty million dollars shall be deposited into the accounts specified in
5 (i) through (k) of this subsection for the period January 1, 1994,
6 through June 30, 1995. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1998, and
7 for each fiscal year thereafter, the amounts deposited into the
8 accounts specified in (i) through (k) of this subsection shall not
9 increase by more than the amounts deposited into those accounts in the
10 previous fiscal year increased by the implicit price deflator for the
11 previous fiscal year. Any revenues in excess of this amount shall be
12 deposited into the general fund.

13 (2) The state treasurer shall deposit the excise taxes collected
14 under RCW 82.44.020(2) into the transportation fund.

15 (3) The state treasurer shall deposit the excise tax imposed by RCW
16 82.44.020(3) into the air pollution control account created by RCW
17 70.94.015.

18 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** This act shall take effect January 1, 1996.

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