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1 AN ACT Relating to infrastructure financing in distressed counties;
2 adding a new section to chapter 70.146 RCW; adding a new section to
3 chapter 43.155 RCW; creating a new section; providing an effective
4 date; and declaring an emergency.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that there exists in
7 distressed areas of the state of Washington a need for infrastructure
8 to act as a stimulant for economic expansion. The legislature further
9 finds that existing resources at the local government level are
10 inadequate to finance necessary sewer, water, and storm water treatment
11 systems for future business retention, expansion, or recruitment.

12 It is the policy of the state of Washington to assist in the
13 development of infrastructure necessary to support job creation,
14 expansion, retention, or recruitment efforts in distressed areas. It
15 is also the policy of the state of Washington to allocate, where
16 appropriate, existing resources to assist distressed areas with their
17 infrastructure project.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 70.146 RCW
2 to read as follows:

3 For the period beginning July 1, 1999, and ending June 30, 2004,
4 the department shall give priority to pollution control facilities
5 projects that are financed in part with funds under RCW 82.14.370 and
6 that are located in a distressed county. As used in this section,
7 "distressed county" has the same meaning as in RCW 82.14.370.

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 43.155 RCW
9 to read as follows:

10 (1) For the period beginning July 1, 1999, and ending June 30,
11 2004, the public works board shall give priority in the awarding of
12 low-interest or interest-free loans for the construction of new or
13 expanded public works facilities that are financed in part with funds
14 under RCW 82.14.370, and that are located in a distressed county.

15 (2) The loans may have a deferred payment of up to five years, but
16 shall be repaid within twenty years. The public works board may
17 require other terms and conditions and may charge such rates of
18 interest on its loans as it deems appropriate to carry out the purposes
19 of this section. Repayments shall be made to the public works
20 assistance account.

21 (3) The public works board may make such loans irrespective of the
22 annual loan cycle and reporting required in RCW 43.155.070.

23 (4) As used in this section, "distressed county" has the same
24 meaning as in RCW 82.14.370.

25 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** If any provision of this act or its
26 application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the
27 remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other
28 persons or circumstances is not affected.

29 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** This act is necessary for the immediate
30 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
31 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect
32 July 1, 1999.

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