
HOUSE BILL 2488

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By Representatives Sullivan, Kagi, Pollet, Doglio, and Santos

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1 AN ACT Relating to clarifying the use of the Puget Sound taxpayer
2 accountability account to include facilities to improve educational
3 outcomes in early learning, K-12, and higher education; and amending
4 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:

8 (1) The Puget Sound taxpayer accountability account is created in
9 the state treasury. Moneys in the account may be spent only after
10 appropriation. Expenditures from the account may only be used for
11 distribution to counties where a portion of the county is within the
12 boundaries of a regional transit authority that includes a county
13 with a population of one million five hundred thousand or more.
14 Counties may use distributions from the account only for either
15 educational services or facilities, or both, to improve educational
16 outcomes in early learning, K-12, and higher education including, but
17 not limited to, for youths that are low-income, homeless, or in
18 foster care, or other vulnerable populations. Counties receiving
19 distributions under this section must track all expenditures and uses
20 of the funds. To the greatest extent practicable, the expenditures of

1 the counties must follow the requirements of any transportation
2 subarea equity element used by the regional transit authority.
3 (2) Beginning September 1, 2017, and by the last day of
4 September, December, March, and June of each year thereafter, the
5 state treasurer shall distribute moneys deposited in the Puget Sound
6 taxpayer accountability account to counties for which a portion of
7 the county is within the boundaries of a regional transit authority
8 that includes a county with a population of one million five hundred
9 thousand. The treasurer must make the distribution to the counties on
10 the relative basis of that transit authority's population that lives
11 within the respective counties.

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