

SSB 5672 - H COMM AMD  
By Committee on Appropriations

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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the  
2 following:

3 "Sec. 1. RCW 46.66.080 and 2015 3rd sp.s. c 4 s 964 are each  
4 amended to read as follows:

5 (1) The Washington auto theft prevention authority account is  
6 created in the state treasury, subject to appropriation. All revenues  
7 from the traffic infraction surcharge in RCW 46.63.110(7)(b) and all  
8 receipts from gifts, grants, bequests, devises, or other funds from  
9 public and private sources to support the activities of the auto  
10 theft prevention authority must be deposited into the account.  
11 Expenditures from the account may be used only for activities  
12 relating to motor vehicle theft, including education, prevention, law  
13 enforcement, investigation, prosecution, and local confinement.  
14 (~~During the 2011-2013, 2013-2015, and 2015-2017 fiscal biennia, the~~  
15 ~~legislature may appropriate moneys from the Washington auto theft~~  
16 ~~prevention authority account for criminal justice purposes and~~  
17 ~~community building and may transfer funds to the state general fund~~  
18 ~~such amounts as reflect the excess fund balance of the account.))~~

19 (2) The authority shall allocate moneys appropriated from the  
20 account to public agencies for the purpose of establishing,  
21 maintaining, and supporting programs that are designed to prevent  
22 motor vehicle theft, including:

23 (a) Financial support to prosecution agencies to increase the  
24 effectiveness of motor vehicle theft prosecution;

25 (b) Financial support to a unit of local government or a team  
26 consisting of units of local governments to increase the  
27 effectiveness of motor vehicle theft enforcement;

28 (c) Financial support for the procurement of equipment and  
29 technologies for use by law enforcement agencies for the purpose of  
30 enforcing motor vehicle theft laws; and

31 (d) Financial support for programs that are designed to educate  
32 and assist the public in the prevention of motor vehicle theft.

1 (3) The costs of administration shall not exceed ten percent of  
2 the moneys in the account in any one year so that the greatest  
3 possible portion of the moneys available to the authority is expended  
4 on combating motor vehicle theft.

5 (4) Prior to awarding any moneys from the Washington auto theft  
6 prevention authority account for motor vehicle theft enforcement, the  
7 auto theft prevention authority must verify that the financial award  
8 includes sufficient funding to cover proposed activities, which  
9 include, but are not limited to: (a) (~~State, municipal,~~) Municipal  
10 and county offender and juvenile confinement costs; (b)  
11 administration costs; (c) law enforcement costs; (d) prosecutor  
12 costs; and (e) court costs, with a priority being given to ensuring  
13 that sufficient funding is available to cover (~~state,~~)  
14 municipal(~~,~~) and county offender and juvenile confinement costs.

15 (5) Moneys expended from the Washington auto theft prevention  
16 authority account under subsection (2) of this section shall be used  
17 to supplement, not supplant, other moneys that are available for  
18 motor vehicle theft prevention.

19 (6) Grants provided under subsection (2) of this section  
20 constitute reimbursement for purposes of RCW 43.135.060(1).

21 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** If specific funding for the purposes of  
22 this act, referencing this act by bill or chapter number, is not  
23 provided by June 30, 2023, in the omnibus appropriations act, this  
24 act is null and void."

25 Correct the title.

EFFECT: (1) Eliminates the new provisions that were added that:  
(a) Required the Office of the State Treasurer to annually deposit \$7  
million of insurance premium tax revenue into the Washington Auto  
Theft Prevention Authority Account; and (b) ceased the deposit of  
revenue from traffic infraction surcharges from being deposited in  
the Washington Auto Theft Prevention Authority Account.

(2) In addition, the striker: (a) Removes state confinement costs  
as an allowable use of Washington Auto Theft Prevention Account  
funds; (b) makes a technical amendment by eliminating a provision in  
regard to expired dates; and (c) adds a null and void clause.

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