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1 AN ACT Relating to creating a local sales and use tax to fund
2 services for children and families that enhance well-being, promote
3 mental health, and provide early interventions; adding a new section
4 to chapter 82.14 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that providing
7 additional services at the local level to get ahead of challenges
8 that many individuals face, particularly children, in order to thrive
9 is important for the success of the citizens of Washington.

10 The legislature further finds that there are many services that
11 are not addressed through current funding options, including medicaid
12 and county behavioral health programs. Existing service gaps include
13 crisis stabilization, children mental health therapies, prevention
14 and early interventions, behavioral health modalities, and culturally
15 appropriate models for smaller community-based organizations.
16 Reaching children and their families early is one of the best ways to
17 reduce long-term needs and make a difference in overall mental health
18 status as well as reducing youth violence, drug use, and suicides.

19 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 82.14
20 RCW to read as follows:

1 (1) The legislative authority of a county may by resolution or
2 ordinance impose a sales and use tax in accordance with the terms of
3 this chapter. The rate of the tax imposed by the county may not
4 exceed 0.01 percent of the selling price, in the case of the sales
5 tax, or the value of the article used, in the case of the use tax.
6 This tax is in addition to other taxes authorized by law and must be
7 collected from those persons who are taxable by the state under
8 chapters 82.08 and 82.12 RCW upon the occurrence of any taxable event
9 within the county.

10 (2) Moneys collected under this section must be used solely for
11 the purpose of providing additional services that assist children and
12 their families, including: Child care; maternity support services;
13 school-based services that address mental, social, and physical
14 health; workforce capacity building; shelter; rental assistance; and
15 client transportation.

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