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1 AN ACT Relating to incentives to increase state agency spending
2 efficiencies; adding new sections to chapter 43.88 RCW; and creating a
3 new section.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** It is the intent of the legislature to
6 provide incentives for spending public funds efficiently and
7 effectively. The system that allows the spending of public money
8 should reward frugality, not encourage wasteful spending. Agencies
9 should be encouraged to identify efficiencies and then use a portion of
10 the resulting savings to enhance service to the customers of
11 government. It is the further intent of the legislature that such
12 savings identified by an agency should not be used as an offset to that
13 agency's future appropriations. To ensure that savings are used
14 appropriately, agencies should identify needs during the budget
15 development process as part of a plan for using their portion of the
16 savings. Appropriate incentives will allow government to do more with
17 less.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 43.88 RCW
2 to read as follows:

3 (1) The efficiency incentive fund is created in the custody of the
4 state treasurer. An account within the fund shall be established for
5 each state agency. An amount equal to eighty percent of the difference
6 between the amount appropriated to an agency from state general fund
7 revenue in the omnibus appropriations act and the amount actually
8 expended by the agency from that source each biennium shall be
9 deposited into that agency's account within the fund.

10 (2) Only the director of the office of financial management or, as
11 he or she designates, the directors of each agency may authorize
12 expenditures from the fund. The amount in a particular agency's
13 account may be authorized for expenditure only for that agency.

14 (3) The fund is not subject to allotment under chapter 43.88 RCW,
15 and no appropriation is required for expenditures.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 43.88 RCW
17 to read as follows:

18 (1) Expenditures from the efficiency incentive fund may be made
19 after authorization under section 2 of this act and after development
20 of an agency spending plan approved by the office of financial
21 management.

22 (2) Expenditures from the fund may be used for:

23 (a) One-time projects designed to improve efficiency of the agency;

24 (b) Maintaining facilities and equipment; or

25 (c) Unanticipated expenditures.

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