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SENATE BILL 5316

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By Senators T. Sheldon and Rasmussen

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1 AN ACT Relating to infrastructure financing in rural counties; and  
2 adding a new section to chapter 43.160 RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 43.160 RCW  
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) Except as authorized to the contrary under subsection (3) of  
7 this section, from all funds available to the board for financial  
8 assistance, the board shall designate at least seventy-five percent for  
9 financial assistance for the development of public facilities in rural  
10 counties.

11 (2) Financial assistance made under this section shall be provided  
12 on a one-to-one matching basis, provided the county and the city are  
13 working cooperatively on public facilities financed under RCW  
14 82.14.370.

15 (3) If at any time during the last six months of a biennium the  
16 board finds that the actual and anticipated application for qualified  
17 projects in rural counties are clearly insufficient to use up the  
18 seventy-five percent allocation, then the board shall estimate the  
19 amount of the insufficiency and during the remainder of the biennium

1 may use that amount of the allocation for financial assistance for  
2 projects not located in rural counties.

3 (4) For the purposes of this section:

4 (a) "Rural county" means a county with a population density of  
5 fewer than one hundred persons per square mile, as determined by the  
6 office of financial management; and

7 (b) "Public facilities" means a project of a local government for  
8 the planning, acquisition, construction, repair, reconstruction,  
9 replacement, rehabilitation, or improvement of bridges, roads, domestic  
10 and industrial water, sanitary sewer, storm sewer, railroad,  
11 electricity, natural gas, telecommunications, buildings or structures,  
12 and port facilities all for the purpose of job creation, job retention,  
13 or job expansion.

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