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Brief Description: Providing financial assistance to counties. Revised for 1st Substitute: Creating the county financial assistance advisory council.

**HB 3175 - DIGEST**

(SUBSTITUTED FOR - SEE 1ST SUB)

Creates the county financial assistance advisory council within the department of community, trade, and economic development.

Directs the advisory council to determine which counties have a tax base insufficient to provide basic county services to their citizens and shall determine the county allocation of funds deposited in the county assistance account created in this act. Counties that had a decrease of less than six percent in their current expense budget due to the repeal of the state motor vehicle excise tax are not eligible for the disbursement of funds under this act. The advisory council shall make disbursement recommendations to the department on an annual basis.

Provides that, of the money collected and remitted under RCW 82.08.150 (1), (2), (3), and (4), the state treasurer shall deposit each month four hundred seventy thousand dollars to the county assistance account. Beginning on July 1, 2005, and every July 1st thereafter, the state treasurer shall increase the transfer to the county assistance account by the fiscal growth factor, as defined in RCW 43.135.025, forecast by the office of financial management in November of the preceding year.

Takes effect July 1, 2004, only if House Bill No. 2062 of the 2004 session, regarding the liquor control board fully implementing a retail business plan and Sunday sales of liquor in the state, is enacted into law by this date. If House Bill No. 2062 is not enacted into law by July 1, 2004, this act is null and void.