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HOUSE BILL 2240

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By Representatives Condotta and Nixon

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1            AN ACT Relating to monetary offerings for revenue enhancement;  
2 adding a new section to chapter 43.79 RCW; adding a new section to  
3 chapter 82.01 RCW; creating a new section; and declaring an emergency.

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

5            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that the state's  
6 current tax structure does not meet the needs perceived by some  
7 citizens of the state to contribute a sufficient amount of their  
8 personal resources to the support of state programs and services. The  
9 legislature therefore declares that it is the responsibility of state  
10 government to create an opportunity for such citizens to provide  
11 enhancements to state revenues in a way that ensures recognition of  
12 their generosity and civic-mindedness.

13            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 43.79 RCW  
14 to read as follows:

15            The monetary offerings for revenue enhancement account, which may  
16 be known and cited as the MORE account, is created in the state  
17 treasury. Within the MORE account, there are created the following

1 subaccounts: MORE--education; MORE--social services; MORE--natural  
2 resources; and MORE--transportation.

3 All receipts from citizens' voluntary contributions, donations,  
4 gifts, bequests, grants, or other sources granted or given for this  
5 account shall be deposited in the MORE account. Donations designated  
6 for a specific subaccount shall be deposited in that subaccount.

7 Money in the MORE account may be spent only after appropriation.  
8 Appropriations from the MORE account may be made for the support of any  
9 function currently supported by the general fund. Appropriations from  
10 the MORE subaccounts may be made only for purposes of the respective  
11 subaccounts.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 82.01 RCW  
13 to read as follows:

14 To encourage donations to the MORE accounts, the department of  
15 revenue may publicize and promote the MORE accounts on a statewide  
16 basis.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** This act is necessary for the immediate  
18 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the  
19 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect  
20 immediately.

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