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SENATE BILL 6876

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By Senator Stevens

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1 AN ACT Relating to prioritizing existing funding for special safety  
2 corridor projects; amending RCW 46.68.041; adding a new section to  
3 chapter 46.68 RCW; and declaring an emergency.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.68.041 and 2004 c 95 s 15 are each amended to read  
6 as follows:

7 (1) Except as provided in subsections (2) and (3) of this section,  
8 the department shall forward all funds accruing under the provisions of  
9 chapter 46.20 RCW together with a proper identifying, detailed report  
10 to the state treasurer who shall deposit such moneys to the credit of  
11 the highway safety fund.

12 (2) Sixty-three percent of each fee collected by the department  
13 under RCW 46.20.311 (1)(e)(ii), (2)(b)(ii), and (3)(b) shall be  
14 deposited in the impaired driving safety account.

15 (3) Ten percent of fees collected by the department under RCW  
16 46.20.161 shall be deposited in the special safety corridor account  
17 created in section 2 of this act.

1        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 2.**    A new section is added to chapter 46.68 RCW  
2 to read as follows:

3        (1) The special safety corridor account is created in the motor  
4 vehicle fund. Ten percent of the fees collected under RCW 46.20.161  
5 must be deposited into the account. Moneys in the account may be spent  
6 only after appropriation. Expenditures from the account may be used  
7 for special safety corridor projects. Special safety corridor projects  
8 are projects that may require bond financing to complete construction  
9 and safety improvements. The following criteria shall be used in  
10 determining which special safety corridor projects have the highest  
11 priority:

- 12        (a) Fatal accident experience;
- 13        (b) Historic underfunding of safety improvements;
- 14        (c) Ability to leverage additional nonstate revenue sources;
- 15        (d) Contribute to the economic development of the corridor; and
- 16        (e) Provide additional capacity to move people and goods safely.

17        (2) The following projects, listed in order of priority, are  
18 eligible for special safety corridor account funding:

19        (a) State route number 2 beginning near the junction with state  
20 route number 9 at milepost 5 to the King county line at Stevens Pass  
21 near milepost 64;

22        (b) State route number 97 beginning at milepost 0 to milepost 63;  
23 and

24        (c) State route number 20 beginning near Sedro Woolley at milepost  
25 64 to near Newport at milepost 436.

26        Moneys deposited in the special safety corridor account may be used  
27 for payment of debt service on bonds, the proceeds of which are used to  
28 finance special safety corridor projects under this section.

29        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 3.**    This act is necessary for the immediate  
30 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the  
31 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect  
32 immediately.

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