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**HOUSE BILL 1580**

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**State of Washington 67th Legislature 2021 Regular Session**

**By** Representatives Chambers, Boehnke, Jacobsen, Caldier, Rule, Ybarra, Stokesbary, Walsh, Shewmake, Graham, Chandler, and Eslick

AN ACT Relating to ensuring that equitable COVID-19 vaccine dose allocation is considered before a county may be reverted to a more restrictive phase under the healthy Washington: Roadmap to recovery plan; creating a new section; and declaring an emergency.

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

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  In addition to the other indicators that apply under the healthy Washington: Roadmap to recovery plan, the department of health shall monitor the status of each county on a weekly basis with respect to its COVID-19 vaccine dose allocation to determine whether each county is receiving an equitable share of COVID-19 vaccine doses in proportion to the state's allocation. If the department of health determines that a county is in danger of being reverted to a more restrictive phase, the department shall immediately adjust the vaccine dose allocation to ensure that the county will receive an allocation of COVID-19 vaccine doses that does not fall below the statewide average allocation for counties. A county that has not received an equitable share of COVID-19 vaccine doses in proportion to the state's allocation may not be reverted to a more restrictive phase.

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

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