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By Senator Rolfes; by request of Office of Financial Management

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1 AN ACT Relating to accounts; amending RCW 43.330.767 and
2 46.68.067; reenacting and amending RCW 43.70.715; reenacting and
3 amending 2018 c 298 s 7008 (uncodified); reenacting RCW 43.79.550,
4 43.79.555, 43.79.557, and 28A.300.820; adding a new section to
5 chapter 43.79 RCW; and providing an effective date.

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

7 **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.330.767 and 2021 c 64 s 5 are each amended to
8 read as follows:

9 (1) The manufacturing cluster acceleration (~~((subaccount—is~~
10 ~~established in the economic development strategic reserve))~~ account
11 is created in the state treasury. All receipts from appropriations
12 made to the manufacturing cluster acceleration (~~((subaccount))~~) account
13 shall be deposited into the (~~((subaccount))~~) account. Moneys in the
14 account may be spent only after appropriation.

15 (2) The department may make expenditures from the (~~((subaccount))~~)
16 account to support regional cluster acceleration strategies,
17 including: Supporting projects to assist manufacturers to diversify
18 their customer base and supply chain, supporting pilot or
19 demonstration manufacturing projects coordination with organized
20 cluster initiatives, and supporting projects that are intended to
21 increase manufacturing and research and development jobs regionally.

1 (3) The department is encouraged to seek match funds for any
2 funds appropriated to this account (~~((subaccount))~~) and may utilize
3 funds to match nonstate funds being expended on a specific project
4 that aligns with the purpose of this section.

5 **Sec. 2.** RCW 46.68.067 and 2021 c 240 s 15 are each amended to
6 read as follows:

7 The driver licensing technology support account is created (~~((as a~~
8 ~~subaccount))~~) in the highway safety fund under RCW 46.68.060. Moneys
9 in the (~~((subaccount))~~) account may be spent only after appropriation.
10 Expenditures from the (~~((subaccount))~~) account may be used only for
11 supporting information technology systems used by the department to
12 communicate with the judicial information system, manage driving
13 records, and implement court orders.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 43.79
15 RCW to read as follows:

16 The clean energy transition workforce account is created in the
17 state treasury. Moneys in the account may be spent only after
18 appropriation. Expenditures from the account may be used only to
19 support workers who are affected by the state's transition away from
20 fossil fuels to a clean energy economy and associated program
21 administrative expenses.

22 **Sec. 4.** RCW 43.79.550 and 2021 c 334 s 958 are each reenacted to
23 read as follows:

24 The forest resiliency account is created in the state treasury.
25 Revenues to the account shall consist of appropriations and transfers
26 by the legislature and all other funding directed for deposit into
27 the account. Moneys in the account may be spent only after
28 appropriation. Expenditures from the account are dedicated to
29 activities that include but are not limited to forest health, carbon
30 sequestration, and any other activity that helps protect the forests
31 of Washington.

32 **Sec. 5.** RCW 43.79.555 and 2021 c 334 s 1902 are each reenacted
33 to read as follows:

34 The Washington rescue plan transition account is created in the
35 state treasury. Moneys in the account may be spent only after
36 appropriation. Revenues to the account consist of moneys directed by

1 the legislature to the account. Allowable uses of moneys in the
2 account include responding to the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic
3 including those related to education, human services, health care,
4 and the economy. In addition, the legislature may appropriate from
5 the account to continue activities begun with, or augmented with,
6 COVID-19 related federal funding.

7 **Sec. 6.** RCW 43.79.557 and 2021 c 334 s 1903 are each reenacted
8 to read as follows:

9 The coronavirus state fiscal recovery fund is created in the
10 state treasury. Moneys in the account may be spent only after
11 appropriation. All federal moneys received by the state pursuant to
12 the American rescue plan act of 2021, state fiscal recovery fund,
13 P.L. 117-2, subtitle M, section 9901, must be deposited in the
14 account. The legislature may appropriate from the account only for
15 the purposes authorized in that section of the federal act.

16 **Sec. 7.** RCW 43.70.715 and 2021 c 334 s 1004 are each reenacted
17 and amended to read as follows:

18 (1) The COVID-19 public health response account is created in the
19 custody of the state treasurer. The account shall consist of funds
20 appropriated by the legislature and grants received by the department
21 of health for activities in response to the coronavirus pandemic
22 (COVID-19). Only the secretary, or the secretary's designee, may
23 authorize expenditures from the account for costs related to the
24 public health response to COVID-19, subject to any limitations
25 imposed by grant funding deposited into the account. The COVID-19
26 public health response account is subject to allotment procedures
27 under chapter 43.88 RCW, but an appropriation is not required for
28 expenditures.

29 (2)(a) The legislature finds that a safe, efficient, and
30 effective delivery of vaccinations is of the utmost importance for
31 restoring societal and economic functions. As we learn more about the
32 virus, the vaccine, and challenges to vaccine allocation and
33 distribution, it is anticipated that the state's COVID-19 vaccination
34 distribution plan will evolve. To that end, the legislature has
35 provided flexibility by funding expenditures for testing, contact
36 tracing, mitigation activities, vaccine administration and
37 distribution, and other allowable uses for the state, local health
38 jurisdictions, and tribes at the discretion of the secretary and

1 without an appropriation. However, to maintain fiscal control and to
2 ensure spending priorities align, the department is required to
3 collaborate and communicate with the chairs and ranking members of
4 the health care and fiscal committees of the legislature and local
5 health jurisdictions in advance of any significant revision of the
6 state's COVID-19 vaccination plan and to provide regular updates on
7 its implementation and spending.

8 (b) As part of the public health response to COVID-19, the
9 expenditures from the account must be used to effectively administer
10 the vaccine for COVID-19 and conduct testing and contact tracing. The
11 department must ensure that COVID-19 outreach is accessible,
12 culturally and linguistically appropriate, and that it includes
13 community-driven partnerships and strategies.

14 (c) When making expenditures for administering the vaccine for
15 COVID-19, the department must focus on identifying persons for
16 vaccination, prioritizing underserved, underrepresented, and hard-to-
17 reach communities, making the vaccine accessible, and providing
18 support to schools for safe reopening. Strategies for vaccine
19 distribution shall include the establishment and expansion of
20 community vaccination centers, mobile vaccination units, reporting
21 enhancements, in-home visits for vaccinations for the elderly, and
22 transportation of individuals to vaccination sites.

23 (d) When making expenditures regarding testing and contact
24 tracing, the department must provide equitable access, prioritize
25 underserved, underrepresented, and hard-to-reach communities, and
26 provide support and resources to facilitate the safe reopening of
27 schools while minimizing community spread of the virus.

28 (e) The department may also make expenditures from the account
29 related to developing the public health workforce using funds granted
30 by the federal government for that purpose in section 2501, the
31 American rescue plan act of 2021, P.L. 117-2.

32 (3) When making expenditures from the account, the department
33 must include an emphasis on public communication regarding the
34 availability and accessibility of the vaccine and testing, and the
35 importance of vaccine and testing availability to the safe reopening
36 of the state.

37 (4) (a) The department must report to the fiscal and health care
38 committees of the legislature on a monthly basis regarding its
39 COVID-19 response.

1 (b) To the extent that it is available, the report must include
2 data regarding vaccine distribution, testing, and contact tracing, as
3 follows:

4 (i) The number of vaccines administered per day, including
5 regional data regarding the location and age groups of persons
6 receiving the vaccine, specifically identifying hard-to-reach
7 communities in which vaccines were administered; and

8 (ii) The number of tests conducted per week, including data
9 specifically addressing testing conducted in hard-to-reach
10 communities.

11 (c) The first monthly report is due no later than one month from
12 February 19, 2021. Monthly reports are no longer required upon the
13 department's determination that the remaining balance of the COVID-19
14 (~~(public health)~~) public health response account is less than
15 \$100,000.

16 **Sec. 8.** RCW 28A.300.820 and 2021 c 334 s 1901 are each reenacted
17 to read as follows:

18 The elementary and secondary school emergency relief III account
19 is created in the state treasury. Revenues attributable to section
20 2001, the American rescue plan act of 2021, P.L. 117-2 must be
21 deposited into the account. Moneys in the account may be spent only
22 after appropriation.

23 **Sec. 9.** 2018 c 298 s 7008 (uncodified) is reenacted and amended
24 to read as follows:

25 The energy efficiency account is hereby created in the state
26 treasury. The sums deposited in the energy efficiency account shall
27 be appropriated and expended for loans, loan guarantees, and grants
28 for projects that encourage the establishment and use of innovative
29 and sustainable industries for renewable energy and energy efficiency
30 technology. The balance of state funds, federal funds, and loan
31 repayments, from the energy recovery act account, are deposited in
32 this account. During the 2021-2023 fiscal biennium, sums in the
33 account may also be appropriated and expended for loans, loan
34 guarantees, and grants for projects that achieve reductions in
35 greenhouse gas emissions for emissions-intensive, trade-exposed
36 industries.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 10.** Section 2 of this act takes effect
2 January 1, 2023.

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