

ESHB 1258 - S COMM AMD
By Committee on Ways & Means

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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 82.14B
4 RCW to read as follows:

5 (1) A county located east of the crest of the Cascade mountains
6 with a population between 530,000 and 1,500,000 receiving tax
7 revenues under this chapter that operates a regional 911 emergency
8 communications system must transfer a portion of the county 911
9 excise tax revenues received under RCW 82.14B.030 (1), (2), and (3)
10 to the corresponding local government operating a municipal public
11 safety answering point or receiving calls transferred from the
12 regional 911 emergency communications system for disposition and
13 dispatch. The portion of the county 911 excise tax to be transferred
14 by a county operating a regional 911 communications system is the
15 same percentage used for the tax imposed pursuant to RCW 82.14.420
16 (7) and (8).

17 (2) Beginning in calendar year 2026, the amount calculated in
18 subsection (1) of this section must be transferred quarterly by the
19 county operating the regional 911 emergency communications system to
20 the corresponding local government operating a municipal public
21 safety answering point or receiving calls transferred from the
22 regional 911 emergency communications system to a municipal public
23 safety answering point for disposition and dispatch for the quarter.

24 (3) For the purposes of this section, "regional 911 emergency
25 communications system" means a 911 emergency communications system
26 operated by a county that is responsible for receiving incoming 911
27 emergency calls for multiple local government law enforcement and
28 fire response agencies."

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1 On page 1, line 2 of the title, after "system;" strike the
2 remainder of the title and insert "and adding a new section to
3 chapter 82.14B RCW."

EFFECT: Clarifies that the state portion of the 911 excise tax is not included in the city-county revenue sharing requirement. Specifies that the transfer amount will use the same allocation percentage that is used for the local sales and use tax for emergency communication systems and facilities. Specifies that revenue transfers will begin in calendar year 2026.

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