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By Representatives Duerr, Doglio, and Parshley; by request of Department of Ecology

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1 AN ACT Relating to dedicated accounts for fees collected for the
2 implementation of environmental programs; amending RCW 70A.540.130
3 and 70A.15.1010; and adding a new section to chapter 43.21A RCW.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 43.21A
6 RCW to read as follows:

7 The laboratory accreditation account is created in the state
8 treasury. All receipts received by the state from the fees imposed
9 under RCW 43.21A.230 must be deposited in the account. Moneys in the
10 account may be spent only after appropriation. Expenditures from the
11 account may be used only to develop and implement activities
12 authorized under RCW 43.21A.230.

13 **Sec. 2.** RCW 70A.540.130 and 2022 c 179 s 13 are each amended to
14 read as follows:

15 (1) The department and local authorities may assess and collect
16 such fees as may be necessary to recover the direct and indirect
17 costs associated with the implementation of this chapter.

18 (2) Fees collected by the department under this section must be
19 deposited into the air pollution control account created in RCW

1 70A.15.1010 and may only be used by the department to implement this
2 chapter.

3 **Sec. 3.** RCW 70A.15.1010 and 2022 c 179 s 16 are each amended to
4 read as follows:

5 (1) The air pollution control account is established in the state
6 treasury. All receipts collected by or on behalf of the department
7 from RCW 70A.15.2200(2), and receipts from nonpermit program sources
8 under RCW 70A.15.2210(1) and 70A.15.2230(7), and all receipts from
9 RCW 70A.15.5090, 70A.15.5120, (~~and~~) 70A.540.120, and 70A.540.130
10 shall be deposited into the account. Moneys in the account may be
11 spent only after appropriation. Expenditures from the account may be
12 used only to develop and implement the provisions of this chapter,
13 chapters 70A.25 and 70A.540 RCW, and RCW 70A.60.060. Moneys collected
14 under RCW 70A.540.120 and 70A.540.130 may only be used to implement
15 chapter 70A.540 RCW.

16 (2) The amounts collected and allocated in accordance with this
17 section shall be expended upon appropriation except as otherwise
18 provided in this section and in accordance with the following
19 limitations:

20 Portions of moneys received by the department of ecology from the
21 air pollution control account shall be distributed by the department
22 to local authorities based on:

23 (a) The level and extent of air quality problems within such
24 authority's jurisdiction;

25 (b) The costs associated with implementing air pollution
26 regulatory programs by such authority; and

27 (c) The amount of funding available to such authority from other
28 sources, whether state, federal, or local, that could be used to
29 implement such programs.

30 (3) The air operating permit account is created in the custody of
31 the state treasurer. All receipts collected by or on behalf of the
32 department from permit program sources under RCW 70A.15.2210(1),
33 70A.15.2260, 70A.15.2270, and 70A.15.2230(7) shall be deposited into
34 the account. Expenditures from the account may be used only for the
35 activities described in RCW 70A.15.2210(1), 70A.15.2260, 70A.15.2270,
36 and 70A.15.2230(7). Moneys in the account may be spent only after
37 appropriation.

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