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SENATE BILL 5389

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By Senators Wagoner and J. Wilson

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1 AN ACT Relating to restoring liquor sales revenue distributions  
2 to local governments; amending RCW 66.08.190 and 66.08.200; and  
3 repealing RCW 66.24.065.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 66.08.190 and 2012 2nd sp.s. c 5 s 8 are each  
6 amended to read as follows:

7 ~~((1) Prior to making distributions described in subsection (2)~~  
8 ~~of this section, amounts must be retained to support allotments under~~  
9 ~~RCW 43.88.110 from any legislative appropriation for municipal~~  
10 ~~research and services. The legislative appropriation for such~~  
11 ~~services must be in the amount specified under RCW 66.24.065.~~

12 ~~(2))~~ When excess funds are distributed during the months of  
13 June, September, December, and March of each year, all moneys subject  
14 to distribution must be disbursed ~~((to border areas, counties,~~  
15 ~~cities, and towns as provided in RCW 66.24.065.~~

16 ~~(3) The amount remaining after distributions under subsections~~  
17 ~~(1) and (2) of this section must be deposited into the general fund))~~  
18 as follows:

19 (1) Three-tenths of one percent to border areas; and

20 (2) From the amount remaining after distributions under  
21 subsection (1) of this section, (a) 50 percent to the general fund

1 state, (b) 10 percent to the counties of the state, and (c) 40  
2 percent to the incorporated cities and towns of the state.

3 **Sec. 2.** RCW 66.08.200 and 2012 2nd sp.s. c 5 s 10 are each  
4 amended to read as follows:

5 With respect to the (~~distribution of funds~~) 10 percent share  
6 coming to the counties, the computations for distribution must be  
7 made by the state agency responsible for collecting the same as  
8 follows:

9 (1) The share coming to each eligible county must be determined  
10 by a division among the eligible counties according to the relation  
11 which the population of the unincorporated area of such eligible  
12 county, as last determined by the office of financial management,  
13 bears to the population of the total combined unincorporated areas of  
14 all eligible counties, as determined by the office of financial  
15 management. However, no county in which the sale of liquor is  
16 forbidden in the unincorporated area thereof as the result of an  
17 election is entitled to share in such distribution. "Unincorporated  
18 area" means all that portion of any county not included within the  
19 limits of incorporated cities and towns.

20 (2) When a special county census has been conducted for the  
21 purpose of determining the population base of a county's  
22 unincorporated area for use in the distribution of liquor funds, the  
23 census figure becomes effective for the purpose of distributing funds  
24 as of the official census date once the census results have been  
25 certified by the office of financial management and officially  
26 submitted to the office of the secretary of state.

27 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** RCW 66.24.065 (Spirits license fee  
28 distribution) and 2012 c 2 s 302 are each repealed.

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