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1 AN ACT Relating to oil spill response accounts; and amending RCW
2 90.56.510.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 90.56.510 and 1993 c 162 s 2 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) The oil spill administration account is created in the state
7 treasury. All receipts from RCW 82.23B.020(2) shall be deposited in
8 the account. Moneys from the account may be spent only after
9 appropriation. The account is subject to allotment procedures under
10 chapter 43.88 RCW. On July 1 of each odd-numbered year, if receipts
11 deposited in the account from the tax imposed by RCW 82.23B.020(2) for
12 the previous fiscal biennium exceed the amount appropriated from the
13 account for the previous fiscal biennium, the state treasurer shall
14 transfer the amount of receipts exceeding the appropriation to the oil
15 spill response account. If, on the first day of any calendar month,
16 the balance of the oil spill response account is greater than twenty-
17 five million dollars and the balance of the oil spill administration
18 account exceeds the unexpended appropriation for the current biennium,
19 then the tax under RCW 82.23B.020(2) shall be suspended on the first

1 day of the next calendar month until the beginning of the following
2 biennium, provided that the tax shall not be suspended during the last
3 six months of the biennium. If the tax imposed under RCW 82.23B.020(2)
4 is suspended during two consecutive biennia, the department shall by
5 November 1st after the end of the second biennium, recommend to the
6 appropriate standing committees an adjustment in the tax rate. For the
7 (~~period 1991-93~~) biennium ending June 30, 1995, the state treasurer
8 may transfer funds from the oil spill response account to the oil spill
9 administration account in amounts necessary to support appropriations
10 made from the oil spill administration account in the (~~omnibus~~)
11 supplemental appropriations act adopted not later than June 30, 1994.

12 (2) Expenditures from the oil spill administration account shall be
13 used exclusively for the administrative costs related to the purposes
14 of this chapter, and chapters 90.48, 88.40, and 88.46 RCW. Starting
15 with the 1995-1997 biennium, the legislature shall give activities of
16 state agencies related to prevention of oil spills priority in funding
17 from the oil spill administration account. Costs of administration
18 include the costs of:

- 19 (a) Routine responses not covered under RCW 90.56.500;
- 20 (b) Management and staff development activities;
- 21 (c) Development of rules and policies and the state-wide plan
22 provided for in RCW 90.56.060;
- 23 (d) Facility and vessel plan review and approval, drills,
24 inspections, investigations, enforcement, and litigation;
- 25 (e) Interagency coordination and public outreach and education;
- 26 (f) Collection and administration of the tax provided for in
27 chapter 82.23B RCW; and
- 28 (g) Appropriate travel, goods and services, contracts, and
29 equipment.

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