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5 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
6 following:

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** It is the intent of the legislature to
8 promote the creation and retention of jobs in distressed rural areas.
9 To that end, this act allows counties to provide public facilities that
10 will attract and retain businesses, thereby creating and maintaining
11 jobs.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 36.70A RCW
13 to read as follows:

14 (1) A rural distressed county planning under RCW 36.70A.040 may
15 adopt an ordinance authorizing development of new industrial areas that
16 are not subject to RCW 36.70A.070(5)(c) (ii) and (iii) and (d)(iv).
17 Any development authorized under this section is subject to RCW
18 36.70A.070(5)(c) (iv) and (v).

19 (2) "Rural distressed county" means a county in which the average
20 level of unemployment for the preceding three years exceeds the average
21 state unemployment for those years by twenty percent.

22 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 82.14 RCW
23 to read as follows:

24 (1) For counties not collecting a tax under RCW 82.14.370, the
25 legislative authority of a rural distressed county may impose a sales
26 and use tax in accordance with the terms of this chapter. The tax is
27 in addition to other taxes authorized by law and shall be collected
28 from those persons who are taxable by the state under chapters 82.08
29 and 82.12 RCW upon the occurrence of any taxable event within the
30 county. The rate of tax shall not exceed 0.12 percent of the selling
31 price in the case of a sales tax or value of the article used in the
32 case of a use tax.

33 (2) The tax imposed under subsection (1) of this section shall be
34 deducted from the amount of tax otherwise required to be collected or

1 paid over to the department of revenue under chapter 82.08 or 82.12
2 RCW. The department of revenue shall perform the collection of such
3 taxes on behalf of the county at no cost to the county.

4 (3) Moneys collected under this section shall only be used for the
5 purpose of financing qualifying public facilities in rural distressed
6 counties. The public facility must be listed as an item in the capital
7 facilities element of the comprehensive plan for those counties
8 planning under RCW 36.70A.040, or, for those counties who do not plan
9 under the growth management act, the public facility must be listed in
10 the county's capital facilities plan. For the purposes of this
11 section, "qualifying public facilities" means bridges, roads, domestic
12 and industrial water systems, sanitary and storm sewer systems,
13 railroads, electrical and natural gas services, and delineation and
14 mitigation of the wetlands issues related to the public facilities, in
15 the state of Washington.

16 (4) No tax may be collected under this section before July 1, 1998.
17 No tax may be collected under this section by a county more than
18 twenty-five years after the date that a tax is first imposed under this
19 section.

20 (5) For purposes of this section, "rural distressed county" means
21 a county that meets the definition in section 2(2) of this act in the
22 year in which a tax is first imposed under this section."

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26 On page 1, line 2 of the title, after "areas;" strike the remainder
27 of the title and insert "adding a new section to chapter 36.70A RCW;
28 adding a new section to chapter 82.14 RCW; and creating a new section."

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