
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2240

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By House Committee on Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives Huff, Linville, Wolfe and Poulsen; by request of Governor Locke)

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1 AN ACT Relating to the efficient use of general fund moneys; adding
2 new sections to chapter 43.79 RCW; making an appropriation; and
3 declaring an emergency.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 43.79 RCW
6 to read as follows:

7 (1) The savings incentive account is created in the custody of the
8 state treasurer. The account shall consist of all moneys appropriated
9 to the account by the legislature. The account is subject to the
10 allotment procedures under chapter 43.88 RCW, but no appropriation is
11 required for expenditures from the account.

12 (2) Within the savings incentive account, the state treasurer may
13 create subaccounts to be credited with moneys attributable to
14 individual state agencies, as determined by the office of financial
15 management in consultation with the legislative fiscal committees.
16 Moneys deposited in the subaccounts may be expended only on the
17 authorization of the agency's executive head or designee and only for
18 the purpose of one-time expenditures to improve the quality,
19 efficiency, and effectiveness of services to customers of the state,

1 such as one-time expenditures for employee training, employee
2 incentives, technology improvements, new work processes, or performance
3 measurement. Funds may not be expended from the account to establish
4 new programs or services, expand existing programs or services, or
5 incur ongoing costs that would require future expenditures.

6 (3) For purposes of this section, "incentive savings" means state
7 general fund appropriations that are unspent as of June 30th of a
8 fiscal year, excluding any amounts included in across-the-board
9 reductions under RCW 43.88.110 and excluding unspent appropriations for
10 (a) caseload and enrollment changes in entitlement programs, (b)
11 caseload and population changes in the department of corrections and
12 the juvenile rehabilitation administration of the department of social
13 and health services, (c) enrollments in state institutions of higher
14 education, (d) a specific amount contained in a condition of or
15 limitation to an appropriation in the biennial appropriations act, if
16 the agency did not achieve the purpose of the condition or limitation,
17 (e) debt service on state obligations, and (f) state retirement system
18 obligations. The office of financial management, after consulting with
19 the legislative fiscal committees, shall report to the treasurer the
20 amount of savings incentives received.

21 (4) By December 1, 1998, and each December 1st thereafter, the
22 office of financial management shall submit a report to the fiscal
23 committees of the legislature on the implementation of this section.
24 The report shall (a) evaluate the impact of this section on agency
25 reversions and end-of-biennium expenditure patterns, and (b) itemize
26 agency expenditures from the savings incentive account.

27 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 43.79 RCW
28 to read as follows:

29 The education savings account is created in the state treasury.
30 The account shall consist of all moneys appropriated to the account by
31 the legislature. Moneys in the account may be spent only after
32 appropriation. Expenditures from the account may be used only for (1)
33 common school construction projects that are eligible for funding from
34 the common school construction account; and (2) technology improvements
35 in the common schools.

36 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The sum of seventy-five million dollars, or
37 so much thereof as may be available on June 30, 1997, from the total

1 amount of unspent fiscal year 1997 state general fund appropriations,
2 is appropriated for the purposes of sections 1 and 2 of this act in the
3 manner provided in this section.

4 (1) Of the total appropriated amount, one-half of that portion that
5 is attributable to incentive savings under section 1 of this act, not
6 to exceed twenty-five million dollars, is appropriated to the savings
7 incentive account, for the purpose of improving the quality,
8 efficiency, and effectiveness of agency services.

9 (2) The remainder of the total amount, not to exceed seventy
10 million dollars, is appropriated to the education savings account for
11 the purpose of common school construction projects.

12 (3) For purposes of this section, the total amount of unspent state
13 general fund appropriations does not include the appropriations made in
14 this section or any amounts included in across-the-board allotment
15 reductions under RCW 43.88.110.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** This act is necessary for the immediate
17 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
18 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect
19 immediately.

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