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By House Committee on Transportation Policy & Budget (originally sponsored by Representatives Pennington, Mielke, Hatfield, Doumit, Ogden, Carlson, Alexander and Hankins)

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1 AN ACT Relating to local vehicle license fees adopted to fund
2 specific projects; and amending RCW 82.80.020 and 82.80.080.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 82.80.020 and 1996 c 139 s 4 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) The legislative authority of a county, or subject to subsection
7 (7) of this section, a qualifying city or town located in a county that
8 has not imposed a fifteen-dollar fee under this section, may fix and
9 impose an additional fee, not to exceed fifteen dollars per vehicle,
10 for each vehicle that is subject to license fees under RCW 46.16.060
11 and for each vehicle that is subject to RCW 46.16.070 with an unladen
12 weight of six thousand pounds or less, and that is determined by the
13 department of licensing to be registered within the boundaries of the
14 county.

15 (2) The department of licensing shall administer and collect the
16 fee. The department shall deduct a percentage amount, as provided by
17 contract, not to exceed two percent of the taxes collected, for
18 administration and collection expenses incurred by it. The remaining

1 proceeds shall be remitted to the custody of the state treasurer for
2 monthly distribution under RCW 82.80.080.

3 (3) The proceeds of this fee shall be used strictly for
4 transportation purposes in accordance with RCW 82.80.070.

5 (4) A county or qualifying city or town imposing this fee or
6 initiating an exemption process shall delay the effective date at least
7 six months from the date the ordinance is enacted to allow the
8 department of licensing to implement administration and collection of
9 or exemption from the fee.

10 (5) The legislative authority of a county or qualifying city or
11 town may develop and initiate an exemption process of the fifteen
12 dollar fee for the registered owners of vehicles residing within the
13 boundaries of the county or qualifying city or town: (a) Who are
14 sixty-one years old or older at the time payment of the fee is due and
15 whose household income for the previous calendar year is less than an
16 amount prescribed by the county or qualifying city or town legislative
17 authority(~~(7)~~); or (b) who (~~has~~) have a physical disability.

18 (6) The legislative authority of a county or qualifying city or
19 town shall develop and initiate an exemption process of the fifteen-
20 dollar fee for vehicles registered within the boundaries of the county
21 that are licensed under RCW 46.16.374.

22 (7) For purposes of this section, a "qualifying city or town" means
23 a city or town residing within a county having a population of greater
24 than seventy-five thousand in which is located all or part of a
25 national monument. A qualifying city or town may impose the fee
26 authorized in subsection (1) of this section subject to the following
27 conditions and limitations:

28 (a) The city or town may impose the fee only if authorized to do so
29 by a majority of voters voting at a general or special election on a
30 proposition for that purpose. At a minimum, the ballot measure shall
31 contain: (i) A description of the transportation project proposed for
32 funding, properly identified by mileposts or other designations that
33 specify the project parameters; (ii) the proposed number of months or
34 years necessary to fund the city or town's share of the project cost;
35 and (iii) the amount of fee to be imposed for the project.

36 (b) The city or town may not impose a fee that, if combined with
37 the county fee, exceeds fifteen dollars. If a county imposes or
38 increases a fee under this section that, if combined with the fee
39 imposed by a city or town, exceeds fifteen dollars, the city or town

1 fee shall be reduced or eliminated as needed so that in no city or town
2 does the combined fee exceed fifteen dollars. All revenues from
3 county-imposed fees shall be distributed as called for in subsection
4 (1) of this section.

5 (c) Any fee imposed by a city or town under this section shall
6 expire at the end of the term of months or years provided in the ballot
7 measure, or when the city or town's bonded indebtedness on the project
8 is retired, whichever is sooner.

9 (8) The fee imposed under this section shall not apply to initial
10 vehicle registrations.

11 **Sec. 2.** RCW 82.80.080 and 1990 c 42 s 213 are each amended to read
12 as follows:

13 (1) The state treasurer shall distribute revenues, less authorized
14 deductions, generated by the local option taxes authorized in RCW
15 82.80.010 and 82.80.020, levied by counties to the levying counties,
16 and cities contained in those counties, based on the relative per
17 capita population. County population for purposes of this section is
18 equal to one and one-half of the unincorporated population of the
19 county. In calculating the distributions, the state treasurer shall
20 use the population estimates prepared by the state office of financial
21 management and shall further calculate the distribution based on
22 information supplied by the departments of licensing and revenue, as
23 appropriate.

24 (2) The state treasurer shall distribute revenues, less authorized
25 deductions, generated by the local option taxes authorized in RCW
26 82.80.010 and 82.80.020 levied by qualifying cities and towns to the
27 levying cities and towns.

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