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

14 (2) The department of licensing shall administer and collect the
15 fee. The department shall deduct a percentage amount, as provided by
16 contract, not to exceed two percent of the taxes collected, for
17 administration and collection expenses incurred by it. The remaining
18 proceeds shall be remitted to the custody of the state treasurer for
19 monthly distribution under RCW 82.80.080.

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

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

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

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

20 (7) A qualifying city or town may not impose a fee that, if
21 combined with the county fee in that county, exceeds fifteen dollars.
22 If a county imposes or increases a fee under this section that, if
23 combined with the fee imposed by a city or town within that county,
24 exceeds fifteen dollars, the city or town fee in that county shall be
25 reduced or eliminated as needed so that in no city or town does the
26 combined fee exceed fifteen dollars. All revenues from county-imposed
27 fees shall be distributed as called for in RCW 82.80.020(1).

28 (8) For purposes of this section, a "qualifying city or town" means
29 a city or town residing within a county having a population of greater
30 than seventy-five thousand in which is located all or part of a
31 national monument.

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

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

36 (1) The state treasurer shall distribute revenues, less authorized
37 deductions, generated by the local option taxes authorized in RCW
38 82.80.010 and 82.80.020, levied by counties to the levying counties,

1 and cities contained in those counties, based on the relative per
2 capita population. County population for purposes of this section is
3 equal to one and one-half of the unincorporated population of the
4 county. In calculating the distributions, the state treasurer shall
5 use the population estimates prepared by the state office of financial
6 management and shall further calculate the distribution based on
7 information supplied by the departments of licensing and revenue, as
8 appropriate.

9 (2) The state treasurer shall distribute revenues, less authorized
10 deductions, generated by the local option taxes authorized in RCW
11 82.80.010 and 82.80.020 levied by qualifying cities and towns to the
12 levying cities and towns.

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