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SENATE BILL 5350

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By Senators Swecker, Fraser, Fairley, Spanel, Winsley and Rasmussen

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1            AN ACT Relating to watercraft excise tax; amending RCW 82.49.030  
2 and 88.12.375; adding a new section to chapter 88.12 RCW; providing an  
3 effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

5            **Sec. 1.** RCW 82.49.030 and 1991 sp.s. c 16 s 925 are each amended  
6 to read as follows:

7            (1) The excise tax imposed under this chapter is due and payable to  
8 the department of licensing or its agents at the time of registration  
9 of a vessel. The department of licensing shall not issue or renew a  
10 registration for a vessel until the tax is paid in full.

11            (2) The excise tax collected under this chapter shall be deposited  
12 in the general fund.

13            (3) For the ~~((1993-95))~~ 1997-99 and succeeding fiscal ~~((biennium))~~  
14 biennia, the watercraft excise tax revenues exceeding ~~((five))~~ eight  
15 million dollars in each fiscal year, but not exceeding ~~((six))~~ nine  
16 million dollars, ~~((may, subject to appropriation by the legislature,))~~  
17 shall be used for the purposes specified in RCW ~~((88.12.450))~~ 88.12.375  
18 and deposited in the clean and safe boating account created in section  
19 3 of this act.

1       **Sec. 2.** RCW 88.12.375 and 1993 c 244 s 37 are each amended to read  
2 as follows:

3       The amounts allocated in accordance with RCW 82.49.030(3) shall be  
4 expended (~~((upon appropriation))~~) in accordance with the following  
5 limitations:

6       (1) (~~((Thirty))~~) Ten percent of the funds shall be (~~((appropriated to~~  
7 ~~the interagency committee for outdoor recreation and be))~~) expended  
8 (~~((for use by state and local government for public recreational~~  
9 ~~waterway boater access and boater destination sites. Priority shall be~~  
10 ~~given to critical site acquisition. The interagency committee for~~  
11 ~~outdoor recreation shall administer such funds as a competitive grants~~  
12 ~~program. The amounts provided for in this subsection shall be evenly~~  
13 ~~divided between state and local governments))~~) by the commission for  
14 providing navigational aids, buoys, and signs and to support a state-  
15 wide program of uniform waterway marking as provided for in RCW  
16 88.12.285.

17       (2) Thirty percent of the funds shall be expended by the commission  
18 exclusively for sewage pumpout or dump units at publicly and privately  
19 owned marinas as provided for in RCW 88.12.315 and 88.12.325.

20       (3) (~~((Twenty-five))~~) Thirty percent of the funds shall be expended  
21 for grants to state agencies and other public entities to enforce  
22 boating safety and registration laws and to carry out boating safety  
23 programs. The commission shall administer such grant program.

24       (4) (~~((Fifteen))~~) Thirty percent shall be expended for instructional  
25 materials, programs or grants to the public school system, public  
26 entities, or other nonprofit community organizations to support boating  
27 safety (~~((and))~~), boater environmental education (~~((or))~~), and boat waste  
28 management planning. The commission shall administer this program.

29       NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 88.12 RCW  
30 to read as follows:

31       The clean and safe boating account is created in the custody of the  
32 state treasurer. Receipts as provided in RCW 82.49.030(3) shall be  
33 deposited into the account. Expenditures from the account may be made  
34 only after appropriation by the legislature and used only for purposes  
35 specified in RCW 88.12.375.

36       NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** This act is necessary for the immediate  
37 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the

1 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect  
2 June 1, 1997.

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