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SENATE BILL 6297

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By Senators Benton, Bauer and Snyder

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1 AN ACT Relating to local public health financing; amending RCW  
2 70.05.125; and providing an effective date.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 70.05.125 and 1997 c 333 s 1 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6 (1) The county public health account is created in the state  
7 treasury. Funds deposited in the county public health account shall be  
8 distributed by the state treasurer to each local public health  
9 jurisdiction based upon amounts certified to it by the department of  
10 community, trade, and economic development in consultation with the  
11 Washington state association of counties. The account shall include  
12 funds distributed under RCW 82.44.110 and 82.14.200(8) and such funds  
13 as are appropriated to the account from the health services account  
14 under RCW 43.72.900, the public health services account under RCW  
15 43.72.902, and such other funds as the legislature may appropriate to  
16 it.

17 (2)(a) The director of the department of community, trade, and  
18 economic development shall certify the amounts to be distributed to

1 each local public health jurisdiction using 1995 as the base year of  
2 actual city contributions to local public health.

3 (b) Only if funds are available and in an amount no greater than  
4 available funds under RCW 82.14.200(8), the department of community,  
5 trade, and economic development shall adjust the amount certified under  
6 (a) of this subsection to compensate for any annexation of an area with  
7 fifty thousand residents or more to any city as a result of an election  
8 during calendar year 1996 or 1997, or for any city that became newly  
9 incorporated as a result of an election during calendar year 1994 or  
10 1995. The amount to be adjusted shall be equal to the amount which  
11 otherwise would have been lost to the health jurisdiction due to the  
12 annexation or incorporation as calculated using the jurisdiction's 1995  
13 funding formula.

14 (c) The county treasurer shall certify the actual 1995 city  
15 contribution to the department. Funds in excess of the base shall be  
16 distributed proportionately among the health jurisdictions based on  
17 incorporated population figures as last determined by the office of  
18 financial management.

19 (3) Moneys distributed under this section shall be expended  
20 exclusively for local public health purposes.

21 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** This act takes effect July 1, 1998.

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