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1 AN ACT Relating to tax incentives in rural counties; and amending
2 RCW 82.14.370.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 82.14.370 and 1998 c 55 s 6 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) The legislative authority of a (~~distressed~~) rural county may
7 impose a sales and use tax in accordance with the terms of this
8 chapter. The tax is in addition to other taxes authorized by law and
9 shall be collected from those persons who are taxable by the state
10 under chapters 82.08 and 82.12 RCW upon the occurrence of any taxable
11 event within the county. The rate of tax shall not exceed (~~0.04~~)
12 0.08 percent of the selling price in the case of a sales tax or value
13 of the article used in the case of a use tax.

14 (2) The tax imposed under subsection (1) of this section shall be
15 deducted from the amount of tax otherwise required to be collected or
16 paid over to the department of revenue under chapter 82.08 or 82.12
17 RCW. The department of revenue shall perform the collection of such
18 taxes on behalf of the county at no cost to the county.

1 (3) Moneys collected under this section shall only be used for the
2 purpose of financing qualifying public facilities in rural counties.
3 The public facility must be listed as an item in the county's capital
4 facilities plan or the capital facilities plan of a city located within
5 the county.

6 (4) No tax may be collected under this section before July 1, 1998.
7 No tax may be collected under this section by a county more than
8 twenty-five years after the date that a tax is first imposed under this
9 section.

10 (5) For purposes of this section(~~(, "distressed")):~~

11 (a) "Rural county" means a county ((in which the average level of
12 unemployment for the three years before the year in which a tax is
13 first imposed under this section exceeds the average state unemployment
14 for those years by twenty percent)) with a population density of fewer
15 than one hundred persons per square mile, as determined by the office
16 of financial management.

17 (b) "Public facilities" means a project of a local government for
18 the planning, acquisition, construction, repair, reconstruction,
19 replacement, rehabilitation, or improvement of bridges, roads, domestic
20 and industrial water, flood control, earth stabilization, sanitary
21 sewer, storm sewer, railroad, electricity, natural gas,
22 telecommunications, buildings or structures, and port facilities, all
23 for the purpose of job creation, job retention, or job expansion.

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