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By Senator T. Sheldon

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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) Subject to the conditions of subsection (4) of this section,
7 the legislative authority of a ((distressed)) rural county may impose
8 a sales and use tax in accordance with the terms of this chapter. The
9 tax is in addition to other taxes authorized by law and shall be
10 collected from those persons who are taxable by the state under
11 chapters 82.08 and 82.12 RCW upon the occurrence of any taxable event
12 within the county. The rate of tax shall not exceed ((0.04)) 0.08
13 percent of the selling price in the case of a sales tax or value of the
14 article used in the case of a use tax.

15 (2) The tax imposed under subsection (1) of this section shall be
16 deducted from the amount of tax otherwise required to be collected or
17 paid over to the department of revenue under chapter 82.08 or 82.12
18 RCW. The department of revenue shall perform the collection of such
19 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 economic
4 development section of the comprehensive plan of those counties
5 planning under RCW 36.70A.040, or for those counties who do not plan
6 under the growth management act, the public facility must be listed in
7 the county's capital facilities plan.

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

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

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

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

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