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Sponsor(s): Senators Thibaudeau, Deccio, Wojahn, Winsley, Franklin, Oke, Kohl-Welles and Fairley; by request of Governor Locke and Attorney General

Brief Description: Managing moneys received under tobacco company litigation.

**SB 5359 - DIGEST**

(SUBSTITUTED FOR - SEE 1ST SUB)

Declares that moneys received by the state of Washington in accordance with the settlement of the state's legal action against tobacco product manufacturers, exclusive of costs and attorneys' fees, shall be deposited in the tobacco settlement account created in this act.

Creates the tobacco settlement account in the state treasury. Moneys in the tobacco settlement account may only be transferred to the health services account for the purposes set forth in RCW 43.72.900, and to the tobacco prevention and control account created in this act, for purposes set forth in this act.

Creates the tobacco prevention and control account in the state treasury. The source of revenue for this account is moneys transferred to the account from the tobacco settlement account, investment earnings, and donations to the account.

Provides that moneys in the account may be spent by the secretary of the department of health only for public health purposes relating to tobacco, including but not limited to enforcing prohibitions on tobacco sales to minors, countermarketing and advertising efforts relating to tobacco, school and community educational programs discouraging tobacco use, tobacco use cessation programs, research regarding tobacco related illnesses, and administrative expenses of the tobacco prevention and control board. Moneys in the account may be spent without appropriation.

Declares that expenditures from the account shall begin in fiscal year 2001, and for any fiscal year shall not exceed twenty million six hundred thousand dollars.

Creates the tobacco prevention and control advisory board to consist of fourteen members designated or appointed as provided in this act.

Authorizes the state treasurer to transfer a total of one hundred fifty-five million dollars from the tobacco settlement account, to the tobacco prevention and control account, upon authorization of the director of financial management. The director shall authorize transfer of the total amount no later than June 30, 2001.