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Brief Title: Transferring unclaimed taxes on marine fuel to the recreation resource account.

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(AS OF SENATE 2ND READING 3/17/99)

Provides that, upon expiration of the time limited by RCW 82.36.330 for claiming of refunds of tax on marine fuel, the state of Washington shall succeed to the right to such refunds. The director of licensing, after taking into account past and anticipated claims for refunds from and deposits to the marine fuel tax refund account and the costs of carrying out the provisions of RCW 43.99.030, shall request the state treasurer to transfer to the recreation resource account such of the moneys in the marine fuel tax refund account that are not required for payment of the refund claims or costs, and the state treasurer shall make the transfer.

Directs the Washington state interagency committee for outdoor recreation to contract with an independent entity to study the source and determine the distribution and use of funds provided to off-road vehicle and nonhighway road recreational activities under RCW 46.09.170. The study shall analyze and determine the relative portion of the motor vehicle fuel tax revenues deposited to the general fund under RCW 46.09.170 that are attributable to: (a) nonhighway road recreational use for the purpose of trailhead access by hikers, skiers, and other nonmotorized recreational uses; and (b) nonhighway road recreational use and associated off-road vehicle trail use by off-road vehicle recreational users.

Directs the Washington state interagency committee for outdoor recreation to review the analysis and submit a report to the standing committees of the legislature, including recommendations regarding amendments to RCW 46.09.170 to allocate revenues consistent with the relative proportion of the uses generating such revenues. The report shall be submitted no later than September 30, 2001.

Directs the Washington state interagency committee for outdoor recreation to establish a technical advisory committee composed of a cross-section of nonhighway road recreational trail users to advise the agency regarding the study and report required by this act.