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HOUSE BILL 1336

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1 AN ACT Relating to humanitarian relief and assistance; amending RCW  
2 82.08.020; adding a new section to chapter 43.01 RCW; creating a new  
3 section; and providing for submission of this act to a vote of the  
4 people.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The legislature finds that:

7 (a) Washington state is the most trade-dependent state in the  
8 United States;

9 (b) The state's economy and economic well-being depend heavily on  
10 foreign trade and international relations;

11 (c) It is important to the economic future of the state to promote  
12 international awareness and understanding; and

13 (d) Enhanced international trade, cultural, and educational  
14 opportunities are developed when governments reach out.

15 (2) The legislature declares that the purpose of this act is to  
16 enhance Washington state's ability to develop relationships and  
17 contacts throughout the world enabling us to expand international  
18 education and trade opportunities for all citizens of the state.

1        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 2.**    A new section is added to chapter 43.01 RCW  
2 to read as follows:

3        (1)(a) A humanitarian relief council is created comprised of the  
4 governor, the lieutenant governor, and the secretary of state.

5        (b) The council shall determine which disasters and hardships  
6 qualify for state support and how much the state will contribute from  
7 the worldwide humanitarian relief treasury account created in  
8 subsection (2) of this section. The council shall coordinate its  
9 assistance with recognized relief agencies so as to not duplicate  
10 efforts or waste state money.

11       (c) The council shall consult with the emergency management board  
12 and establish necessary criteria for receiving assistance from the  
13 state.

14       (d) The council shall adopt rules to implement this subsection.

15       (e) Staff support for the council shall be provided by the  
16 department of community, trade, and economic development, the  
17 department of agriculture, and the military department.

18       (2) The worldwide humanitarian relief treasury account is created  
19 in the state treasury. All receipts from revenues as determined under  
20 RCW 82.08.020(3) must be deposited into the account. Moneys in the  
21 account may be spent only after appropriation. Expenditures from the  
22 account may be used only for humanitarian relief.

23       (3)(a) The council may accept gifts, grants, conveyances, bequests,  
24 and devises, of real or personal property, or both, in trust or  
25 otherwise, and sell, lease, exchange, invest, or expend these donations  
26 or the proceeds, rents, profits, and income from the donations except  
27 as limited by the donor's terms. The council shall adopt rules to  
28 govern and protect the receipt and expenditure of the proceeds.

29       (b) The humanitarian relief account is created in the custody of  
30 the state treasurer. All receipts from gifts, grants, conveyances,  
31 bequests, and devises under this subsection must be deposited into the  
32 account. Expenditures from the account may be used only for  
33 humanitarian relief. Only the humanitarian relief council or the  
34 council's designee may authorize expenditures from the account. The  
35 account is subject to allotment procedures under chapter 43.88 RCW, but  
36 an appropriation is not required for expenditures.

37       (4) This section may be known and cited as the good samaritan act.

1       **Sec. 3.** RCW 82.08.020 and 2000 2nd sp.s. c 4 s 1 are each amended  
2 to read as follows:

3       (1) There is levied and there shall be collected a tax on each  
4 retail sale in this state equal to six and (~~five-tenths~~) six-tenths  
5 percent of the selling price.

6       (2) There is levied and there shall be collected an additional tax  
7 on each retail car rental, regardless of whether the vehicle is  
8 licensed in this state, equal to five and nine-tenths percent of the  
9 selling price. The revenue collected under this subsection shall be  
10 deposited in the multimodal transportation account created in RCW  
11 47.66.070.

12       (3) One-tenth of one percent of the revenues collected under  
13 subsection (1) of this section shall be deposited into the worldwide  
14 humanitarian relief treasury account created in section 2 of this act.

15       (4) The taxes imposed under this chapter shall apply to successive  
16 retail sales of the same property.

17       (~~(4)~~) (5) The rates provided in this section apply to taxes  
18 imposed under chapter 82.12 RCW as provided in RCW 82.12.020.

19       NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** The secretary of state shall submit this act  
20 to the people for their adoption and ratification, or rejection, at the  
21 next general election to be held in this state, in accordance with  
22 Article II, section 1 of the state Constitution and the laws adopted to  
23 facilitate its operation.

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