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By Senators Haugen and Horn

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1 AN ACT Relating to funding local government research services; and  
2 amending RCW 43.110.050, 66.08.190, 82.08.170, and 43.110.060.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.110.050 and 1997 c 437 s 3 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6 (1) A special account is created in the state treasury to be known  
7 as the county research services account. The account shall consist of  
8 all money transferred to the account under RCW 82.08.170 or otherwise  
9 transferred or appropriated to the account by the legislature. Moneys  
10 in the account may be spent only after appropriation. The account is  
11 subject to the allotment process under chapter 43.88 RCW.

12 Moneys in the county research services account may be expended only  
13 to finance the costs of county research.

14 (2) All unobligated moneys remaining in the account at the end of  
15 the fiscal biennium shall be distributed by the treasurer to the  
16 counties of the state in the same manner as the distribution under RCW  
17 82.08.170(1)(a).

1       **Sec. 2.** RCW 66.08.190 and 2000 c 227 s 2 are each amended to read  
2 as follows:

3       (1) When excess funds are distributed, all moneys subject to  
4 distribution shall be disbursed as follows:

5       (a) Three-tenths of one percent to border areas under RCW  
6 66.08.195; and

7       (b) From the amount remaining after distribution under (a) of this  
8 subsection, (i) fifty percent to the general fund of the state, (ii)  
9 ten percent to the counties of the state, and (iii) forty percent to  
10 the incorporated cities and towns of the state.

11       (2) During the months of (~~July, October, January, and April~~)  
12 June, September, December, and March of each year, prior to disbursing  
13 the distribution to incorporated cities and towns under subsection  
14 (1)(b) of this section, the treasurer shall deduct from that  
15 distribution an amount that (~~(, when combined with any cash balance in~~  
16 ~~the city and town research services account,)~~) will fund that quarter's  
17 allotments under RCW 43.88.110 from any legislative appropriation from  
18 the city and town research services account. The treasurer shall  
19 deposit the amount deducted into the city and town research services  
20 account.

21       (3) The governor may notify and direct the state treasurer to  
22 withhold the revenues to which the counties and cities are entitled  
23 under this section if the counties or cities are found to be in  
24 noncompliance pursuant to RCW 36.70A.340.

25       **Sec. 3.** RCW 82.08.170 and 1997 c 437 s 4 are each amended to read  
26 as follows:

27       (1) During the months of January, April, July and October of each  
28 year, the state treasurer shall make the apportionment and distribution  
29 of all moneys in the liquor excise tax fund to the counties, cities and  
30 towns in the following proportions: (a) Twenty percent of the moneys  
31 in (~~said~~) the liquor excise tax fund shall be divided among and  
32 distributed to the counties of the state in accordance with the  
33 provisions of RCW 66.08.200; and (b) eighty percent of the moneys in  
34 (~~said~~) the liquor excise tax fund shall be divided among and  
35 distributed to the cities and towns of the state in accordance with the  
36 provisions of RCW 66.08.210.

37       (2) Each fiscal quarter and prior to making the twenty percent  
38 distribution to counties under subsection (1)(a) of this section, the

1 treasurer shall transfer to the county research services account under  
2 RCW 43.110.050 sufficient moneys (~~(that, when combined with any cash~~  
3 ~~balance in the account, will)~~) to fund the allotments from any  
4 legislative appropriations from the county research services account.

5 **Sec. 4.** RCW 43.110.060 and 2000 c 227 s 1 are each amended to read  
6 as follows:

7 The city and town research services account is created in the state  
8 treasury. Moneys in the account shall consist of amounts transferred  
9 under RCW 66.08.190(2) and any other transfers or appropriations to the  
10 account. Moneys in the account may be spent only after an  
11 appropriation. Expenditures from the account may be used only for city  
12 and town research.

13 All unobligated moneys remaining in the account at the end of the  
14 fiscal biennium shall be distributed by the treasurer to the  
15 incorporated cities and towns of the state in the same manner as the  
16 distribution under RCW 66.08.190(1)(b)(iii).

17 The treasurer may disburse amounts appropriated to the municipal  
18 research council from the city and town research services account by  
19 warrant or check to the contracting parties on invoices or vouchers  
20 certified by the chair of the municipal research council or his or her  
21 designee. Payments to public agencies may be made in advance of actual  
22 work contracted for, at the discretion of the council.

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