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By Representatives Halper, O'Brien, Moeller, Schual-Berke, Dunshee, Simpson, Darneille and McCoy

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1 AN ACT Relating to local public health standards funding; creating
2 a new section; and making appropriations.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that protecting the
5 public's health is essential and that the threat of potential pandemics
6 is ongoing and growing. The legislature also finds that the public
7 health system as defined in RCW 43.70.575 is essential to fulfilling
8 the state's responsibility to protect the health and safety of its
9 citizens. The legislature further finds that local public health
10 departments lack adequate resources even as their duties increase.
11 Rather than risk catastrophic loss of life, the legislature further
12 finds that local public health departments must immediately be given
13 the resources to effectively implement the specific public health
14 improvement standards concerning threats to our drinking water and food
15 supplies, communicable disease, and other first-responder duties unique
16 to local public health departments, pursuant to the requirements in RCW
17 43.70.520.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) The sum of ten million dollars, or as
2 much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for the fiscal year
3 ending June 30, 2006, from the general fund to the department of health
4 for state funding the local public health standards adopted in the
5 public health services improvement plan pursuant to RCW 43.70.520(8).
6 The funds will support local public health departments' obligations
7 concerning health data and information that individuals and communities
8 can use; chronic and infectious disease surveillance; rapid response to
9 outbreaks of communicable disease; efforts to prevent and control
10 specific communicable diseases, such as tuberculosis, West Nile virus,
11 acquired immune deficiency syndrome, and influenza; and local public
12 health district programs to ensure the safety of drinking water and
13 food supplies.

14 (2) The sum of ten million dollars, or as much thereof as may be
15 necessary, is appropriated for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2007,
16 from the general fund to the department of health for state funding the
17 local public health standards adopted in the public health services
18 improvement plan pursuant to RCW 43.70.520(8). The funds will support
19 local public health districts' obligations concerning health data and
20 information that individuals and communities can use; chronic and
21 infectious disease surveillance; rapid response to outbreaks of
22 communicable disease; efforts to prevent and control specific
23 communicable diseases, such as tuberculosis, West Nile virus, acquired
24 immune deficiency syndrome, and influenza; and local public health
25 district programs to ensure the safety of drinking water and food
26 supplies.

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