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President of the Senate

Approved

Governor of the State of Washington

CERTIFICATE

I, Barbara Baker, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **HOUSE BILL 2022** as passed by House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

Chief Clerk

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By Representatives Hawkins, Appleton, Johnson, Robinson, Zeiger, Blake, Haler, Parker, Kretz, Condotta, Short, Manweller, Tarleton, Ryu, and Fitzgibbon

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1 AN ACT Relating to support for economic recovery from natural
2 disasters; and adding a new section to chapter 43.330 RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 43.330
5 RCW to read as follows:

6 (1) The natural disaster economic recovery account is created in
7 the state treasury to be used only for the purposes of this section.

8 (2) Expenditures from the account may be made to support the
9 economic recovery and development of an area within the state
10 affected by a natural disaster. Expenditures may be authorized for:

11 (a) Rebuilding public infrastructure that was destroyed or
12 damaged by a natural disaster;

13 (b) Economic development projects, including tourism promotion
14 and job creation;

15 (c) Affordable and transitional housing development;

16 (d) Small business loans and grant programs; and

17 (e) Other assistance projects dedicated to support sustainable
18 economic recovery efforts within the disaster area.

19 (3) The funds may be expended from the account only for an area
20 affected by a state of emergency as declared by the governor,
21 pursuant to RCW 43.06.010, due to a natural disaster. More than one

1 area affected by a natural disaster may receive funding at a time,
2 depending on the nature of the disaster. The funding may not supplant
3 other state or federal emergency relief funding or any other funding
4 source.

5 (4) Funding may be provided directly to a county, city, or other
6 local subdivision, or a nonprofit organization dedicated to the long-
7 term recovery of an area affected by a natural disaster.

8 (5) The department must administer the account and must direct
9 the expenditure of funds subject to appropriations by the
10 legislature.

11 (6) The department may receive private and public grants,
12 donations, and private and public emergency financial aid for the
13 account.

14 (7) The governor, with a recommendation from the director, may
15 authorize the expenditure of funds provided in subsection (6) of this
16 section.

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