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SENATE BILL 6508

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By Senator Chase

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1 AN ACT Relating to public works assistance account loan  
2 repayment; and amending RCW 43.155.060.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.155.060 and 1988 c 93 s 2 are each amended to  
5 read as follows:

6 In order to aid the financing of public works projects, the board  
7 may:

8 (1) Make low-interest or interest-free loans to local governments  
9 from the public works assistance account or other funds and accounts  
10 for the purpose of assisting local governments in financing public  
11 works projects. The board may require such terms and conditions and  
12 may charge such rates of interest on its loans as it deems necessary  
13 or convenient to carry out the purposes of this chapter. Money  
14 received from local governments in repayment of loans made under this  
15 section shall be paid into the public works assistance account for  
16 uses consistent with this chapter. In any fiscal year during which no  
17 new loans from the public works assistance account are authorized by  
18 the legislature, local governments owing repayment amounts during  
19 that fiscal year are authorized to not remit those payments, and the  
20 principal of those payments are forgiven. Local governments choosing

1 to not make such payments must deposit the amount of the payment in  
2 the jurisdiction's capital projects account.

3 (2) Pledge money in the public works assistance account, or money  
4 to be received by the public works assistance account, to the  
5 repayment of all or a portion of the principal of or interest on  
6 obligations issued by local governments to finance public works  
7 projects. The board shall not pledge any amount greater than the sum  
8 of money in the public works assistance account plus money to be  
9 received from the payment of the debt service on loans made from that  
10 account, nor shall the board pledge the faith and credit or the  
11 taxing power of the state or any agency or subdivision thereof to the  
12 repayment of obligations issued by any local government.

13 (3) Create such subaccounts in the public works assistance  
14 account as the board deems necessary to carry out the purposes of  
15 this chapter.

16 (4) Provide a method for the allocation of loans and financing  
17 guarantees and the provision of technical assistance under this  
18 chapter.

19 All local public works projects aided in whole or in part under  
20 the provisions of this chapter shall be put out for competitive bids,  
21 except for emergency public works under RCW 43.155.065 for which the  
22 recipient jurisdiction shall comply with this requirement to the  
23 extent feasible and practicable. The competitive bids called for  
24 shall be administered in the same manner as all other public works  
25 projects put out for competitive bidding by the local governmental  
26 entity aided under this chapter.

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