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By Representative Kagi

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1 AN ACT Relating to enhancing educational opportunities for  
2 vulnerable youth using funding distributed from the Puget Sound  
3 taxpayer accountability account; and amending RCW 43.79.520.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.79.520 and 2015 3rd sp.s. c 44 s 423 are each  
6 amended to read as follows:

7 (1) The Puget Sound taxpayer accountability account is created in  
8 the custody of the state ((treasury)) treasurer. Moneys in the  
9 account ~~((may be spent only after appropriation. Expenditures from  
10 the account may only be used for distribution))~~ are not subject to  
11 appropriation. Only the state treasurer or the treasurer's designee  
12 may authorize expenditures from the account. The treasurer may expend  
13 moneys in the account only for distribution to counties where a  
14 portion of the county is within the boundaries of a regional transit  
15 authority that includes a county with a population of one million  
16 five hundred thousand or more. Counties may use distributions from  
17 the account only ~~((for educational services to improve educational  
18 outcomes in early learning, K-12, and higher education including, but  
19 not limited to, for youths that are low-income, homeless, or in  
20 foster care, or other vulnerable populations))~~ as provided in  
21 subsection (3) of this section. Counties receiving distributions

1 under this section must track all expenditures and uses of the funds.  
2 To the greatest extent practicable, the expenditures of the counties  
3 must follow the requirements of any transportation subarea equity  
4 element used by the regional transit authority.

5 (2) Beginning September 1, 2017, and by the last day of  
6 September, December, March, and June of each year thereafter, the  
7 state treasurer shall distribute moneys deposited in the Puget Sound  
8 taxpayer accountability account to counties for which a portion of  
9 the county is within the boundaries of a regional transit authority  
10 that includes a county with a population of one million five hundred  
11 thousand or more. The treasurer must make the distribution to the  
12 counties on the relative basis of that transit authority's population  
13 that lives within the respective counties.

14 (3)(a) Beginning with the September 2018 distribution under  
15 subsection (2) of this section, counties must spend the distributions  
16 for early learning facilities and services, and K-12 and  
17 postsecondary support for youth and young adults who are low income,  
18 homeless, in foster care, or in the juvenile justice system.

19 (b) Funding may be used to start an endowment to provide support  
20 under this subsection. Funding under this section may not be used to  
21 supplant other funding for programs providing services to homeless  
22 youth, youth in foster care, and youth in the juvenile justice  
23 system.

24 (c) Counties may use funding distributed under this section to  
25 pay debt service on local bonds whose proceeds are used for  
26 facilities or program costs authorized under this subsection (3).

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