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By Representatives Tharinger and DeBolt

1 AN ACT Relating to distribution of state forestland revenues for
2 certain former state forestlands; and reenacting and amending RCW
3 79.64.110.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 79.64.110 and 2017 3rd sp.s. c 13 s 315, 2017 3rd
6 sp.s c 1 s 986, and 2017 c 248 s 6 are each reenacted and amended to
7 read as follows:

8 (1) Any moneys derived from the lease of state forestlands or
9 from the sale of valuable materials, oils, gases, coal, minerals, or
10 fossils from those lands, except as provided in RCW 79.64.130, or the
11 appraised value of these resources when transferred to a public
12 agency under RCW 79.22.060, except as provided in RCW 79.22.060(4),
13 must be distributed as follows:

14 (a) For state forestlands acquired through RCW 79.22.040 or by
15 exchange for lands acquired through RCW 79.22.040:

16 (i) The expense incurred by the state for administration,
17 reforestation, and protection, not to exceed twenty-five percent,
18 which rate of percentage shall be determined by the board, must be
19 returned to the forest development account created in RCW 79.64.100.
20 During the 2015-2017 and 2017-2019 fiscal biennia, the board may

1 increase the twenty-five percent limitation up to twenty-seven
2 percent.

3 (ii) Any balance remaining must be paid to the county in which
4 the land is located or, for counties participating in a land pool
5 created under RCW 79.22.140, to each participating county
6 proportionate to its contribution of asset value to the land pool as
7 determined by the board. Payments made under this subsection are to
8 be paid, distributed, and prorated, except as otherwise provided in
9 this section, to the various funds in the same manner as general
10 taxes are paid and distributed during the year of payment. A county
11 may pay, distribute, and prorate payments made under this subsection
12 of moneys derived from state forestlands acquired by exchange
13 pursuant to section 3122, chapter 2, Laws of 2018, for the property
14 identified in the LEAP capital document No. 2017-2H acquired through
15 RCW 79.22.040 within the same county, in the same manner as general
16 taxes are paid and distributed during the year of payment for the
17 former state forestlands that were subject to the exchange.

18 (iii) Any balance remaining, paid to a county with a population
19 of less than sixteen thousand, must first be applied to the reduction
20 of any indebtedness existing in the current expense fund of the
21 county during the year of payment.

22 (iv) With regard to moneys remaining under this subsection
23 (1)(a), within seven working days of receipt of these moneys, the
24 department shall certify to the state treasurer the amounts to be
25 distributed to the counties. The state treasurer shall distribute
26 funds to the counties four times per month, with no more than ten
27 days between each payment date.

28 (b) For state forestlands acquired through RCW 79.22.010 or by
29 exchange for lands acquired through RCW 79.22.010, except as provided
30 in RCW 79.64.120:

31 (i) Fifty percent shall be placed in the forest development
32 account.

33 (ii) Fifty percent shall be prorated and distributed to the state
34 general fund, to be dedicated for the benefit of the public schools,
35 to the county in which the land is located or, for counties
36 participating in a land pool created under RCW 79.22.140, to each
37 participating county proportionate to its contribution of asset value
38 to the land pool as determined by the board, and according to the
39 relative proportions of tax levies of all taxing districts in the
40 county. The portion to be distributed to the state general fund shall

1 be based on the regular school levy rate under RCW 84.52.065 (1) and
2 (2) and the levy rate for any maintenance and operation special
3 school levies. With regard to the portion to be distributed to the
4 counties, the department shall certify to the state treasurer the
5 amounts to be distributed within seven working days of receipt of the
6 money. The state treasurer shall distribute funds to the counties
7 four times per month, with no more than ten days between each payment
8 date. The money distributed to the county must be paid, distributed,
9 and prorated to the various other funds in the same manner as general
10 taxes are paid and distributed during the year of payment.

11 (2) A school district may transfer amounts deposited in its debt
12 service fund pursuant to this section into its capital projects fund
13 as authorized in RCW 28A.320.330.

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