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1 AN ACT Relating to establishing an emergency loan program to be
2 administered by the county road administration board; amending RCW
3 36.78.070; reenacting and amending RCW 43.79A.040; adding new
4 sections to chapter 36.78 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds there is a need for
7 a county road emergency fund to pay for unexpected costs that arise
8 from natural or man-made events that damage county road
9 infrastructure so it is no longer functional. The legislature intends
10 to provide access to a revolving loan emergency account to ensure
11 that smaller counties have options to pay for repairs to restore
12 transportation services in a timely manner.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 36.78
14 RCW to read as follows:

15 (1) The board may create an emergency revolving loan program that
16 is self-supporting in accordance with RCW 43.88.190. The board may
17 award emergency loans to counties with a population of less than
18 eight hundred thousand as of April 1, 2019, from the funds available
19 in the county road administration board emergency loan account
20 created in section 3 of this act for emergency projects.

1 (2) Emergency projects are work of either a temporary or
2 permanent nature which restores roads and bridges to a preemergency
3 condition and may include reconstruction to current design standards.
4 This work is the result of a sudden natural or man-made event which
5 results in the destruction or severe damage to county roadway
6 sections or structures such that, in the consideration of public
7 safety and use, the roadway sections or structures must be
8 immediately closed or substantially restricted to normal use. Work of
9 an emergency nature is also beyond the scope of work done by a county
10 in repairing damages normally or reasonably expected from seasonal or
11 other natural conditions, and is beyond what would be considered
12 maintenance.

13 (3) In order to obtain a loan under this section, there must be a
14 county, state, or federal emergency proclamation declaring an
15 emergency related to the event that caused the damage the emergency
16 project intends to correct, and the county must agree to repay the
17 loan with interest of not more than three percent. All repayment
18 amounts must be deposited into the county road administration board
19 emergency loan account.

20 (4) Any work performed on an emergency project funded in
21 accordance with this section by county forces shall be exempt from
22 the limits of RCW 36.77.065.

23 (5) Consistent with RCW 43.01.036, the board must submit a report
24 to the legislature by December 1st of each even-numbered year
25 identifying each project that received money from the county road
26 administration board emergency loan account, the amount of the loan,
27 the expected repayment terms of the loan, the expected date of
28 repayment, and the loan repayment status. Each project should be
29 reported about until the loan is repaid.

30 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 36.78
31 RCW to read as follows:

32 (1) The county road administration board emergency loan account
33 is created in the custody of the state treasurer. The account
34 consists of: (a) All receipts from loan repayments and (b) any other
35 revenues derived from transfers, gifts, grants, or bequests to the
36 board for emergency projects. Expenditures from the account may be
37 used only for emergency loans to certain counties in accordance with
38 section 2 of this act and the related administrative costs. Only the
39 board or its designee may authorize expenditures from the account.

1 The account is subject to allotment procedures under chapter 43.88
2 RCW, but an appropriation is not required for expenditures.

3 (2) The state treasurer may invest and reinvest moneys in the
4 county road administration board emergency loan account in the manner
5 provided by law. All earnings from such investment and reinvestment
6 must be credited to the account.

7 **Sec. 4.** RCW 43.79A.040 and 2018 c 260 s 28, 2018 c 258 s 4, and
8 2018 c 127 s 6 are each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

9 (1) Money in the treasurer's trust fund may be deposited,
10 invested, and reinvested by the state treasurer in accordance with
11 RCW 43.84.080 in the same manner and to the same extent as if the
12 money were in the state treasury, and may be commingled with moneys
13 in the state treasury for cash management and cash balance purposes.

14 (2) All income received from investment of the treasurer's trust
15 fund must be set aside in an account in the treasury trust fund to be
16 known as the investment income account.

17 (3) The investment income account may be utilized for the payment
18 of purchased banking services on behalf of treasurer's trust funds
19 including, but not limited to, depository, safekeeping, and
20 disbursement functions for the state treasurer or affected state
21 agencies. The investment income account is subject in all respects to
22 chapter 43.88 RCW, but no appropriation is required for payments to
23 financial institutions. Payments must occur prior to distribution of
24 earnings set forth in subsection (4) of this section.

25 (4)(a) Monthly, the state treasurer must distribute the earnings
26 credited to the investment income account to the state general fund
27 except under (b), (c), and (d) of this subsection.

28 (b) The following accounts and funds must receive their
29 proportionate share of earnings based upon each account's or fund's
30 average daily balance for the period: The 24/7 sobriety account, the
31 Washington promise scholarship account, the Gina Grant Bull memorial
32 legislative page scholarship account, the Washington advanced college
33 tuition payment program account, the Washington college savings
34 program account, the accessible communities account, the Washington
35 achieving a better life experience program account, the community and
36 technical college innovation account, the agricultural local fund,
37 the American Indian scholarship endowment fund, the foster care
38 scholarship endowment fund, the foster care endowed scholarship trust
39 fund, the contract harvesting revolving account, the Washington state

1 combined fund drive account, the commemorative works account, the
2 county enhanced 911 excise tax account, the county road
3 administration board emergency loan account, the toll collection
4 account, the developmental disabilities endowment trust fund, the
5 energy account, the fair fund, the family and medical leave insurance
6 account, the fish and wildlife federal lands revolving account, the
7 natural resources federal lands revolving account, the food animal
8 veterinarian conditional scholarship account, the forest health
9 revolving account, the fruit and vegetable inspection account, the
10 future teachers conditional scholarship account, the game farm
11 alternative account, the GET ready for math and science scholarship
12 account, the Washington global health technologies and product
13 development account, the grain inspection revolving fund, the
14 Washington history day account, the industrial insurance rainy day
15 fund, the juvenile accountability incentive account, the law
16 enforcement officers' and firefighters' plan 2 expense fund, the
17 local tourism promotion account, the low-income home rehabilitation
18 revolving loan program account, the multiagency permitting team
19 account, the northeast Washington wolf-livestock management account,
20 the pilotage account, the produce railcar pool account, the regional
21 transportation investment district account, the rural rehabilitation
22 account, the Washington sexual assault kit account, the stadium and
23 exhibition center account, the youth athletic facility account, the
24 self-insurance revolving fund, the children's trust fund, the
25 Washington horse racing commission Washington bred owners' bonus fund
26 and breeder awards account, the Washington horse racing commission
27 class C purse fund account, the individual development account
28 program account, the Washington horse racing commission operating
29 account, the life sciences discovery fund, the Washington state
30 heritage center account, the reduced cigarette ignition propensity
31 account, the center for childhood deafness and hearing loss account,
32 the school for the blind account, the Millersylvania park trust fund,
33 the public employees' and retirees' insurance reserve fund, the
34 school employees' benefits board insurance reserve fund, (~~{the}~~)
35 the public employees' and retirees' insurance account, (~~{the}~~) the
36 school employees' insurance account, and the radiation perpetual
37 maintenance fund.

38 (c) The following accounts and funds must receive eighty percent
39 of their proportionate share of earnings based upon each account's or
40 fund's average daily balance for the period: The advanced right-of-

1 way revolving fund, the advanced environmental mitigation revolving
2 account, the federal narcotics asset forfeitures account, the high
3 occupancy vehicle account, the local rail service assistance account,
4 and the miscellaneous transportation programs account.

5 (d) Any state agency that has independent authority over accounts
6 or funds not statutorily required to be held in the custody of the
7 state treasurer that deposits funds into a fund or account in the
8 custody of the state treasurer pursuant to an agreement with the
9 office of the state treasurer shall receive its proportionate share
10 of earnings based upon each account's or fund's average daily balance
11 for the period.

12 (5) In conformance with Article II, section 37 of the state
13 Constitution, no trust accounts or funds shall be allocated earnings
14 without the specific affirmative directive of this section.

15 **Sec. 5.** RCW 36.78.070 and 2005 c 319 s 102 are each amended to
16 read as follows:

17 The county road administration board shall:

18 (1) Establish by rule, standards of good practice for the
19 administration of county roads and the efficient movement of people
20 and goods over county roads;

21 (2) Establish reporting requirements for counties with respect to
22 the standards of good practice adopted by the board;

23 (3) Receive and review reports from counties and reports from its
24 executive director to determine compliance with legislative
25 directives and the standards of good practice adopted by the board;

26 (4) Advise counties on issues relating to county roads and the
27 safe and efficient movement of people and goods over county roads and
28 assist counties in developing uniform and efficient transportation-
29 related information technology resources;

30 (5) Report annually before the fifteenth day of January, and
31 throughout the year as appropriate, to the state department of
32 transportation and to the chairs of the house and senate
33 transportation committees, and to other entities as appropriate on
34 the status of county road administration in each county, including
35 one copy to the staff of each of the committees. The annual report
36 shall contain recommendations for improving administration of the
37 county road programs;

38 (6) Administer the rural arterial program established by chapter
39 36.79 RCW (~~and~~), the program funded by the county arterial

1 preservation account established by RCW 46.68.090, and the emergency
2 revolving loan program created in section 2 of this act, as well as
3 any other programs provided for in law.

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