

**HOUSE BILL 1467**

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**By** Representatives Stokesbary, Robertson, Dufault, Sutherland, Jacobsen, and Chambers

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1 AN ACT Relating to authorizing appropriations from the budget  
2 stabilization account to replace prior state expenditures from  
3 federal coronavirus relief funding; creating a new section; making an  
4 appropriation; and declaring an emergency.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1. FOR THE OFFICE OF FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT**

7	Budget Stabilization Account—State Appropriation	
8	(FY 2021) . . . . .	\$500,000,000
9	TOTAL APPROPRIATION. . . . .	\$500,000,000

10 The appropriation in this section is subject to the following  
11 conditions and limitations:

12 (1) The entire appropriation is provided solely for the office of  
13 financial management to allot for state expenditures that were  
14 incurred as part of the state's response to the COVID-19 pandemic,  
15 authorized through the unanticipated receipts process, and previously  
16 attributed to general fund—federal (coronavirus relief fund).

17 (2) The office of financial management shall review prior state  
18 expenditures made from federal coronavirus relief fund moneys and  
19 shall attribute those expenditures to the budget stabilization  
20 account up to the maximum amount of the appropriation in this

1 section. Expenditures eligible for reattribution under this section  
2 include, but are not limited to, expenditures authorized under the  
3 unanticipated receipts process for:

4 (a) Department of health, public health response: \$169,769,000

5 (b) University of Washington, public health response: \$70,217,000

6 (c) Administrative office of the courts, trial court impacts:  
7 \$12,820,000

8 (d) Department of commerce, rental assistance: \$110,000,000

9 (e) Department of commerce, low-income home energy assistance  
10 program: \$23,000,000

11 (f) Department of commerce, local public health distributions:  
12 \$77,124,000

13 (g) Department of agriculture, food assistance: \$59,229,000

14 (h) Department of enterprise services, distributions for K-12  
15 computers and distance learning: \$24,000,000

16 (i) Department of social and health services, temporary  
17 assistance for needy families, food assistance program, disaster  
18 cash, and other agency costs: \$75,467,000

19 (j) Department of children, youth, and families, early learning:  
20 \$48,440,000

21 (k) Department of corrections, agency costs: \$20,216,000

22 (3) The office of financial management must identify and place in  
23 unallotted reserve status an amount of general fund—federal  
24 expenditure authority attributed to federal coronavirus relief  
25 funding that is equal to the amounts allotted from the budget  
26 stabilization account under this section. These federal moneys may  
27 not be expended until appropriated by the legislature.

28 (4) The legislature finds as follows: In March 2020, congress  
29 enacted the coronavirus aid, relief, and economic security act (CARES  
30 act), which created the coronavirus relief fund to assist states with  
31 unanticipated and unbudgeted coronavirus response costs, and that  
32 such funding had to be spent by December 30, 2020, or returned to the  
33 federal treasury. The legislature finds that the coronavirus response  
34 and relief supplemental appropriations act (CRRSA act) enacted  
35 December 27, 2020, extended the deadline in which coronavirus relief  
36 funds could be spent until December 31, 2021. The legislature finds  
37 the deadline extension provides an opportunity to reevaluate previous  
38 state expenditures of coronavirus relief funds. It is in the best  
39 interest of Washingtonians to maximize available federal funding from  
40 the coronavirus relief fund to the full extent permitted by federal

1 law and to recognize its flexibility as a fund source to address the  
2 urgent needs of Washington's residents and businesses during the  
3 pandemic. For these reasons, in this section the legislature revises  
4 appropriations to attribute these expenditures to state funding from  
5 the state budget stabilization account, rather than to federal  
6 funding from the coronavirus relief fund. The federal coronavirus  
7 relief fund moneys made available are appropriated elsewhere for the  
8 benefit of Washington's residents and businesses and to accelerate a  
9 lasting recovery for all Washingtonians.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** If any part of this act is found to be in  
11 conflict with federal requirements that are a prescribed condition to  
12 the allocation of federal funds to the state, the conflicting part of  
13 this act is inoperative solely to the extent of the conflict and with  
14 respect to the agencies directly affected, and this finding does not  
15 affect the operation of the remainder of this act in its application  
16 to the agencies concerned. Rules adopted under this act must meet  
17 federal requirements that are a necessary condition to the receipt of  
18 federal funds by the state.

19 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act is necessary for the immediate  
20 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of  
21 the state government and its existing public institutions, and takes  
22 effect immediately.

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