SENATE BILL 5484

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By Senators Gildon, Braun, Dozier, Holy, Honeyford, McCune, Muzzall, Warnick, Wilson, J., and Wilson, L.

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- AN ACT Relating to ensuring that equitable COVID-19 vaccine dose allocation is considered before a county may be reverted to a more restrictive phase under the healthy Washington: Roadmap to recovery plan; creating a new section; and declaring an emergency.
- 5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
- 6 NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. In addition to the other indicators that 7 apply under the healthy Washington: Roadmap to recovery plan, the 8 department of health shall monitor the status of each county on a weekly basis with respect to its COVID-19 vaccine dose allocation to 9 10 determine whether each county is receiving an equitable share of 11 COVID-19 vaccine doses in proportion to the state's allocation. 12 the department of health determines that a county is in danger of being reverted to a more restrictive phase, the department shall 13 14 immediately adjust the vaccine dose allocation to ensure that the county will receive an allocation of COVID-19 vaccine doses that does 15 16 not fall below the statewide average allocation for counties. A 17 county that has not received an equitable share of COVID-19 vaccine 18 doses in proportion to the state's allocation may not be reverted to 19 a more restrictive phase.

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<u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 2.** This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect immediately.

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