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**SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 8201**

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**By** Senators Mullet, Warnick, Holy, and Keiser

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1            BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
2 STATE OF WASHINGTON, IN LEGISLATIVE SESSION ASSEMBLED:

3            THAT, At the next general election to be held in this state the  
4 secretary of state shall submit to the qualified voters of the state  
5 for their approval and ratification, or rejection, an amendment to  
6 Article VIII of the Constitution of the state of Washington by adding  
7 a new section to read as follows:

8            Article VIII, section . . . (a) A public works assistance  
9 revolving account shall be established and maintained in the state  
10 treasury.

11            (b) All moneys received from local governments in the repayment  
12 of loans made under the public works assistance account and the  
13 public works assistance revolving account shall be paid into the  
14 public works assistance revolving account.

15            (c) Moneys may be withdrawn and appropriated from the public  
16 works assistance revolving account to provide loans and grants to  
17 local governments.

18            (d) As used in this section, "local governments" means cities,  
19 towns, counties, political subdivisions of the state, and any other  
20 municipal corporations or quasi municipal corporations in the state  
21 excluding school districts and port districts.

1 (e) As used in this section, "public works projects" means a  
2 project of a local government for the planning, acquisition,  
3 construction, repair, reconstruction, replacement, rehabilitation, or  
4 improvement of streets and roads, bridges, water systems, storm and  
5 sanitary sewage systems, lead remediation of drinking water systems,  
6 and solid waste facilities, including recycling facilities, or other  
7 public works uses as the legislature may direct.

8 (f) The legislature shall enact appropriate laws to carry out the  
9 purposes of this section.

10 (g) This section takes effect July 1, 2025.

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this amendment is a single amendment  
12 within the meaning of Article XXIII, section 1 of the state  
13 Constitution.

14 The legislature finds that the changes contained in this  
15 amendment constitute a single integrated plan for creating a public  
16 works assistance revolving account. If this amendment is held to be  
17 separate amendments, this joint resolution is void in its entirety  
18 and is of no further force and effect.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the secretary of state shall cause  
20 notice of the foregoing constitutional amendment to be published at  
21 least four times during the four weeks next preceding the election in  
22 every legal newspaper in the state.

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