BILL REQ. #: Z-0374.2/22 2nd draft

ATTY/TYPIST: KS:lel

BRIEF DESCRIPTION: Concerning accounts for state drought planning, preparedness, and response.
AN ACT Relating to accounts for state drought planning, preparedness, and response; amending RCW 43.83B.430; and adding new sections to chapter 48.83B RCW.

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

Sec. 1. RCW 43.83B.430 and 2020 c 168 s 6 are each amended to read as follows:
The state drought preparedness ((and response)) account is created in the state treasury. All receipts from appropriated funds designated for the account and all cost recovery revenues collected under RCW 43.83B.410(5) must be deposited into the account. At the beginning of each biennium the state treasurer shall transfer into the account from the general fund the sum of $3,000,000. Expenditures from the account may be used for drought planning and preparedness ((and response)) activities under this chapter, including grants issued under RCW 43.83B.415. Moneys in the account may be spent only after appropriation.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. A new section is added to chapter 43.83B RCW to read as follows:
Based on schedules the department submits to the director of financial management during a drought emergency order, per RCW Code Rev/KS:1el 1 Z-0374.2/22 2nd draft
43.83B.405, the state treasurer shall transfer from the general fund—
state, or such funds as the state treasurer deems appropriate, to the
emergency drought response account such amounts as necessary to meet
unbudgeted emergency drought response expenses. The department shall,
at a minimum, provide schedules to the director of financial
management on a quarterly basis, and shall also provide the director
of financial management, legislative fiscal committees, and the joint
legislative committee on water supply during drought, established
under RCW 90.86.010, with a close-out cost summary following the
expiration of the emergency drought order.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. A new section is added to chapter 43.83B
RCW to read as follows:
The emergency drought response account is created in the custody
of the state treasurer. All receipts from funds received pursuant to
section 2 of this act must be deposited into the account. The account
may also receive those moneys as may be appropriated by the
legislature for the purpose of funding emergency drought response
actions. Expenditures from the account may be used only for the costs
of implementing the powers set forth in RCW 43.83B.410 through
43.83B.420 for drought emergency response. Only the director of
ecology or the director's designee may authorize expenditures from
the account. The account is subject to allotment procedures under
chapter 43.88 RCW, but an appropriation is not required for
expenditures.

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