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ATTY/TYPIST: KS:lel

BRIEF DESCRIPTION: Concerning accounts for state drought planning,
preparedness, and response.

1 AN ACT Relating to accounts for state drought planning,
2 preparedness, and response; amending RCW 43.83B.430; and adding new
3 sections to chapter 48.83B RCW.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.83B.430 and 2020 c 168 s 6 are each amended to
6 read as follows:

7 The state drought preparedness (~~and response~~) account is
8 created in the state treasury. All receipts from appropriated funds
9 designated for the account and all cost recovery revenues collected
10 under RCW 43.83B.410(5) must be deposited into the account. At the
11 beginning of each biennium the state treasurer shall transfer into
12 the account from the general fund the sum of \$3,000,000. Expenditures
13 from the account may be used for drought planning and preparedness
14 (~~and response~~) activities under this chapter, including grants
15 issued under RCW 43.83B.415. Moneys in the account may be spent only
16 after appropriation.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 43.83B
18 RCW to read as follows:

19 Based on schedules the department submits to the director of
20 financial management during a drought emergency order, per RCW

1 43.83B.405, the state treasurer shall transfer from the general fund—
2 state, or such funds as the state treasurer deems appropriate, to the
3 emergency drought response account such amounts as necessary to meet
4 unbudgeted emergency drought response expenses. The department shall,
5 at a minimum, provide schedules to the director of financial
6 management on a quarterly basis, and shall also provide the director
7 of financial management, legislative fiscal committees, and the joint
8 legislative committee on water supply during drought, established
9 under RCW 90.86.010, with a close-out cost summary following the
10 expiration of the emergency drought order.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 43.83B
12 RCW to read as follows:

13 The emergency drought response account is created in the custody
14 of the state treasurer. All receipts from funds received pursuant to
15 section 2 of this act must be deposited into the account. The account
16 may also receive those moneys as may be appropriated by the
17 legislature for the purpose of funding emergency drought response
18 actions. Expenditures from the account may be used only for the costs
19 of implementing the powers set forth in RCW 43.83B.410 through
20 43.83B.420 for drought emergency response. Only the director of
21 ecology or the director's designee may authorize expenditures from
22 the account. The account is subject to allotment procedures under
23 chapter 43.88 RCW, but an appropriation is not required for
24 expenditures.

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