
BILL REQUEST - CODE REVISER'S OFFICE

BILL REQ. #: Z-0551.1/22

ATTY/TYPIST: ML:eab

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; reenacting and amending RCW 43.83B.430;
3 and adding new sections to chapter 43.83B RCW.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.83B.430 and 2022 c 297 s 957 and 2022 c 296 s
6 7008 are each reenacted and amended to 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. During the 2021-2023 fiscal biennium,
16 moneys in the account may be used for water banking pilot projects.
17 Moneys in the account may be spent only after appropriation. During
18 the 2021-2023 fiscal biennium, the legislature may appropriate moneys
19 from the account for activities related to water banking.

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

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

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

18 The emergency drought response account is created in the custody
19 of the state treasurer. All receipts from funds received pursuant to
20 section 2 of this act must be deposited into the account. The account
21 may also receive those moneys as may be appropriated by the
22 legislature for the purpose of funding emergency drought response
23 actions. Expenditures from the account may be used only for the costs
24 of implementing the powers set forth in RCW 43.83B.410, 43.83B.415,
25 and 43.83B.420 for drought emergency response. Only the director of
26 the department or the director's designee may authorize expenditures
27 from the account. The account is subject to allotment procedures
28 under chapter 43.88 RCW, but an appropriation is not required for
29 expenditures.

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