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1 AN ACT Relating to local public health financing; amending RCW
2 70.05.125 and 82.14.200; and providing an effective date.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 70.05.125 and 1995 1st sp.s. c 15 s 1 are each amended
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) The county public health account is created in the state
7 treasury. Funds deposited in the county public health account shall be
8 distributed by the state treasurer to each local public health
9 jurisdiction based upon amounts certified to it by the department of
10 community, trade, and economic development in consultation with the
11 Washington state association of counties. The account shall include
12 funds distributed under RCW 82.44.110 and 82.14.200(8) and such funds
13 as are appropriated to the account from the health services account
14 under RCW 43.72.900, the public health services account under RCW
15 43.72.902, and such other funds as the legislature may appropriate to
16 it.

17 (2)(a) The director of the department of community, trade, and
18 economic development shall certify the amounts to be distributed to

1 each local public health jurisdiction using 1995 as the base year of
2 actual city contributions to local public health.

3 (b) Only if funds are available and in an amount no greater than
4 available funds under RCW 82.14.200(8), the department of community,
5 trade, and economic development shall adjust the amount certified under
6 (a) of this subsection to compensate for any city that became newly
7 incorporated as a result of an election during calendar year 1994 or
8 1995. The adjusted amount shall be equal to the newly incorporated
9 city population multiplied by the 1995 per capita county contribution.

10 (c) The county treasurer shall certify the actual 1995 city
11 contribution to the department. Funds in excess of the base shall be
12 distributed proportionately among the health jurisdictions based on
13 incorporated population figures as last determined by the office of
14 financial management.

15 (3) Moneys distributed under this section shall be expended
16 exclusively for local public health purposes.

17 **Sec. 2.** RCW 82.14.200 and 1991 sp.s. c 13 s 15 are each amended to
18 read as follows:

19 There is created in the state treasury a special account to be
20 known as the "county sales and use tax equalization account." Into
21 this account shall be placed a portion of all motor vehicle excise tax
22 receipts as provided in RCW 82.44.110(1)(f). Funds in this account
23 shall be allocated by the state treasurer according to the following
24 procedure:

25 (1) Prior to April 1st of each year the director of revenue shall
26 inform the state treasurer of the total and the per capita levels of
27 revenues for the unincorporated area of each county and the state-wide
28 weighted average per capita level of revenues for the unincorporated
29 areas of all counties imposing the sales and use tax authorized under
30 RCW 82.14.030(1) for the previous calendar year.

31 (2) At such times as distributions are made under RCW 82.44.150, as
32 now or hereafter amended, the state treasurer shall apportion to each
33 county imposing the sales and use tax under RCW 82.14.030(1) at the
34 maximum rate and receiving less than one hundred fifty thousand dollars
35 from the tax for the previous calendar year, an amount from the county
36 sales and use tax equalization account sufficient, when added to the
37 amount of revenues received the previous calendar year by the county,
38 to equal one hundred fifty thousand dollars.

1 The department of revenue shall establish a governmental price
2 index as provided in this subsection. The base year for the index
3 shall be the end of the third quarter of 1982. Prior to November 1,
4 1983, and prior to each November 1st thereafter, the department of
5 revenue shall establish another index figure for the third quarter of
6 that year. The department of revenue may use the implicit price
7 deflators for state and local government purchases of goods and
8 services calculated by the United States department of commerce to
9 establish the governmental price index. Beginning on January 1, 1984,
10 and each January 1st thereafter, the one hundred fifty thousand dollar
11 base figure in this subsection shall be adjusted in direct proportion
12 to the percentage change in the governmental price index from 1982
13 until the year before the adjustment. Distributions made under this
14 subsection for 1984 and thereafter shall use this adjusted base amount
15 figure.

16 (3) Subsequent to the distributions under subsection (2) of this
17 section and at such times as distributions are made under RCW
18 82.44.150, as now or hereafter amended, the state treasurer shall
19 apportion to each county imposing the sales and use tax under RCW
20 82.14.030(1) at the maximum rate and receiving less than seventy
21 percent of the state-wide weighted average per capita level of revenues
22 for the unincorporated areas of all counties as determined by the
23 department of revenue under subsection (1) of this section, an amount
24 from the county sales and use tax equalization account sufficient, when
25 added to the per capita level of revenues for the unincorporated area
26 received the previous calendar year by the county, to equal seventy
27 percent of the state-wide weighted average per capita level of revenues
28 for the unincorporated areas of all counties determined under
29 subsection (1) of this section, subject to reduction under subsections
30 (6) and (7) of this section. When computing distributions under this
31 section, any distribution under subsection (2) of this section shall be
32 considered revenues received from the tax imposed under RCW
33 82.14.030(1) for the previous calendar year.

34 (4) Subsequent to the distributions under subsection (3) of this
35 section and at such times as distributions are made under RCW
36 82.44.150, as now or hereafter amended, the state treasurer shall
37 apportion to each county imposing the sales and use tax under RCW
38 82.14.030(2) at the maximum rate and receiving a distribution under
39 subsection (2) of this section, a third distribution from the county

1 sales and use tax equalization account. The distribution to each
2 qualifying county shall be equal to the distribution to the county
3 under subsection (2) of this section, subject to the reduction under
4 subsections (6) and (7) of this section. To qualify for the total
5 distribution under this subsection, the county must impose the tax
6 under RCW 82.14.030(2) for the entire calendar year. Counties imposing
7 the tax for less than the full year shall qualify for prorated
8 allocations under this subsection proportionate to the number of months
9 of the year during which the tax is imposed.

10 (5) Subsequent to the distributions under subsection (4) of this
11 section and at such times as distributions are made under RCW
12 82.44.150, as now or hereafter amended, the state treasurer shall
13 apportion to each county imposing the sales and use tax under RCW
14 82.14.030(2) at the maximum rate and receiving a distribution under
15 subsection (3) of this section, a fourth distribution from the county
16 sales and use tax equalization account. The distribution to each
17 qualifying county shall be equal to the distribution to the county
18 under subsection (3) of this section, subject to the reduction under
19 subsections (6) and (7) of this section. To qualify for the
20 distributions under this subsection, the county must impose the tax
21 under RCW 82.14.030(2) for the entire calendar year. Counties imposing
22 the tax for less than the full year shall qualify for prorated
23 allocations under this subsection proportionate to the number of months
24 of the year during which the tax is imposed.

25 (6) Revenues distributed under subsections (2) through (5) of this
26 section in any calendar year shall not exceed an amount equal to
27 seventy percent of the state-wide weighted average per capita level of
28 revenues for the unincorporated areas of all counties during the
29 previous calendar year. If distributions under subsections (3) through
30 (5) of this section cannot be made because of this limitation, then
31 distributions under subsections (3) through (5) of this section shall
32 be reduced ratably among the qualifying counties.

33 (7) If inadequate revenues exist in the county sales and use tax
34 equalization account to make the distributions under subsections (3)
35 through (5) of this section, then the distributions under subsections
36 (3) through (5) of this section shall be reduced ratably among the
37 qualifying counties. At such time during the year as additional funds
38 accrue to the county sales and use tax equalization account, additional

1 distributions shall be made under subsections (3) through (5) of this
2 section to the counties.

3 (8) If the level of revenues in the county sales and use tax
4 equalization account exceeds the amount necessary to make the
5 distributions under subsections (2) through (5) of this section, at
6 such times as distributions are made under RCW 82.44.150, the state
7 treasurer shall apportion an amount to the county public health account
8 created in RCW 70.05.125 equal to the adjustment under RCW
9 70.05.125(2)(b).

10 (9) If the level of revenues in the county sales and use tax
11 equalization account exceeds the amount necessary to make the
12 distributions under subsections (2) through (5) and (8) of this
13 section, then the additional revenues shall be credited and transferred
14 to the state general fund.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act shall take effect July 1, 1996.

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