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By House Committee on Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives Sehlin, H. Sommers, Romero and Wood; by request of Secretary of State)

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1 AN ACT Relating to local government records; amending RCW
2 36.22.175; repealing 1996 c 245 s 2 (uncodified); providing an
3 effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 36.22.175 and 1996 c 245 s 1 are each amended to read
6 as follows:

7 (1) In addition to any other charge authorized by law, the county
8 auditor shall charge a surcharge of one dollar per instrument for each
9 document recorded. Revenue generated through this surcharge shall be
10 transmitted monthly to the state treasurer for deposit in the archives
11 and records management account. These funds shall be used solely for
12 providing records scheduling, security microfilm inspection and
13 storage, archival preservation, cataloging, and indexing for local
14 government records and digital data and access to those records and
15 data through the regional branch archives of the division of archives
16 and records management. (~~(This section shall expire June 30, 2001.)~~)

17 The division of archives and records management within the office
18 of the secretary of state shall provide records management training for
19 local governments and shall establish a competitive grant program to

1 solicit and prioritize project proposals from local governments for
2 potential funding to be paid for by funds from the auditor surcharge
3 and tax warrant surcharge revenues. Application for specific projects
4 may be made by local government agencies only. The state archivist in
5 consultation with the advisory committee established under RCW
6 40.14.027 shall adopt rules governing project eligibility, evaluation,
7 awarding of grants, and other criteria including requirements for
8 records management training for grant recipients.

9 (2) The advisory committee established under RCW 40.14.027 shall
10 review grant proposals and establish a prioritized list of projects to
11 be considered for funding by January 1st of each even-numbered year,
12 beginning in 2002. The evaluation of proposals and development of the
13 prioritized list must be developed through open public meetings.
14 Funding for projects shall be granted according to the ranking of each
15 application on the prioritized list and projects will be funded only to
16 the extent that funds are available. A grant award may have an
17 effective date other than the date the project is placed on the
18 prioritized list.

19 (3) In addition to any other surcharge authorized by law, the
20 county auditor shall charge a surcharge of one dollar per instrument
21 for every document recorded after January 1, 2002. Revenue generated
22 through this surcharge shall be transmitted to the state treasurer
23 monthly for deposit in the archives and records management account to
24 be used exclusively for the construction and improvement of a
25 specialized regional facility located in eastern Washington designed to
26 serve the archives, records management, and digital data management
27 needs of local government.

28 To the extent the facilities are used for the storage and retrieval
29 of state agency records and digital data, that portion of the
30 construction of such facilities used for state government records and
31 data shall be supported by other charges and fees paid by state
32 agencies and shall not be supported by the surcharge authorized in this
33 subsection.

34 At such time that all debt service from construction on such
35 facility has been paid, fifty percent of the surcharge authorized by
36 this subsection shall be reverted to the centennial document
37 preservation and modernization account as prescribed in RCW 36.22.170
38 and fifty percent of the surcharge authorized by this section shall be
39 reverted to the state treasurer for deposit in the archives and records

1 management account to serve the archives, records management, and
2 digital data management needs of local government.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** 1996 c 245 s 2 (uncodified) is repealed.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act is necessary for the immediate
5 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
6 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect
7 June 30, 2001.

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