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SENATE BILL 5963

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By Senators Kline and Keiser

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1            AN ACT Relating to unappropriated funds in the health professions  
2 account; and amending RCW 43.70.320.

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

4            **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.70.320 and 1993 c 492 s 411 are each amended to  
5 read as follows:

6            (1) There is created in the state treasury an account to be known  
7 as the health professions account. All fees received by the department  
8 for health professions licenses, registration, certifications,  
9 renewals, or examinations and the civil penalties assessed and  
10 collected by the department under RCW 18.130.190 shall be forwarded to  
11 the state treasurer who shall credit such moneys to the health  
12 professions account.

13            (2) All expenses incurred in carrying out the health professions  
14 licensing activities of the department shall be paid from the account  
15 as authorized by legislative appropriation, except as provided in  
16 subsection (4) of this section. Any residue in the account shall be  
17 accumulated and shall not revert to the general fund at the end of the  
18 biennium.

1           (3) The secretary shall biennially prepare a budget request based  
2 on the anticipated costs of administering the health professions  
3 licensing activities of the department which shall include the  
4 estimated income from health professions fees.

5           (4) The secretary may spend unappropriated funds in the health  
6 professions account to meet unanticipated costs when revenues exceed  
7 more than fifteen percent over the department's estimated six-year  
8 spending projections. Unanticipated costs shall be limited to spending  
9 as authorized in subsection (3) of this section for anticipated costs.

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