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By Representative Young

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Accountability & Oversight.

1 AN ACT Relating to distributing marijuana tax revenues to local  
2 governments for law enforcement and fire protection services and to the  
3 department of transportation for the repair and maintenance of state  
4 ferries, roads, and bridges; amending RCW 69.50.540; and providing an  
5 effective date.

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

7 **Sec. 1.** RCW 69.50.540 and 2013 c 3 s 28 (Initiative Measure No.  
8 502) are each amended to read as follows:

9 All marijuana excise taxes collected from sales of marijuana,  
10 useable marijuana, and marijuana-infused products under RCW 69.50.535,  
11 and the license fees, penalties, and forfeitures derived under chapter  
12 3, Laws of 2013 from marijuana producer, marijuana processor, and  
13 marijuana retailer licenses shall every three months be disbursed by  
14 the state liquor control board as follows:

15 (1) One hundred twenty-five thousand dollars to the department of  
16 social and health services to design and administer the Washington  
17 state healthy youth survey, analyze the collected data, and produce  
18 reports, in collaboration with the office of the superintendent of  
19 public instruction, department of health, department of commerce,

1 family policy council, and state liquor control board. The survey  
2 shall be conducted at least every two years and include questions  
3 regarding, but not necessarily limited to, academic achievement, age at  
4 time of substance use initiation, antisocial behavior of friends,  
5 attitudes toward antisocial behavior, attitudes toward substance use,  
6 laws and community norms regarding antisocial behavior, family  
7 conflict, family management, parental attitudes toward substance use,  
8 peer rewarding of antisocial behavior, perceived risk of substance use,  
9 and rebelliousness. Funds disbursed under this subsection may be used  
10 to expand administration of the healthy youth survey to student  
11 populations attending institutions of higher education in Washington;

12 (2) Fifty thousand dollars to the department of social and health  
13 services for the purpose of contracting with the Washington state  
14 institute for public policy to conduct the cost-benefit evaluation and  
15 produce the reports described in RCW 69.50.550. This appropriation  
16 (~~shall~~) ends after production of the final report required by RCW  
17 69.50.550;

18 (3) Five thousand dollars to the University of Washington alcohol  
19 and drug abuse institute for the creation, maintenance, and timely  
20 updating of web-based public education materials providing medically  
21 and scientifically accurate information about the health and safety  
22 risks posed by marijuana use;

23 (4) An amount not exceeding one million two hundred fifty thousand  
24 dollars to the state liquor control board as is necessary for  
25 administration of chapter 3, Laws of 2013;

26 (5) Of the funds remaining after the disbursements identified in  
27 subsections (1) through (4) of this section:

28 (a) Fifteen percent to the department of social and health services  
29 division of behavioral health and recovery for implementation and  
30 maintenance of programs and practices aimed at the prevention or  
31 reduction of maladaptive substance use, substance-use disorder,  
32 substance abuse or substance dependence, as these terms are defined in  
33 the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, among middle  
34 school and high school age students, whether as an explicit goal of a  
35 given program or practice or as a consistently corresponding effect of  
36 its implementation; PROVIDED, That:

37 (i) Of the funds disbursed under (a) of this subsection, at least

1 eighty-five percent must be directed to evidence-based and cost-  
2 beneficial programs and practices that produce objectively measurable  
3 results; and

4 (ii) Up to fifteen percent of the funds disbursed under (a) of this  
5 subsection may be directed to research-based and emerging best  
6 practices or promising practices.

7 In deciding which programs and practices to fund, the secretary of  
8 the department of social and health services shall consult, at least  
9 annually, with the University of Washington's social development  
10 research group and the University of Washington's alcohol and drug  
11 abuse institute;

12 (b) Ten percent to the department of health for the creation,  
13 implementation, operation, and management of a marijuana education and  
14 public health program that contains the following:

15 (i) A marijuana use public health hotline that provides referrals  
16 to substance abuse treatment providers, utilizes evidence-based or  
17 research-based public health approaches to minimizing the harms  
18 associated with marijuana use, and does not solely advocate an  
19 abstinence-only approach;

20 (ii) A grants program for local health departments or other local  
21 community agencies that supports development and implementation of  
22 coordinated intervention strategies for the prevention and reduction of  
23 marijuana use by youth; and

24 (iii) Media-based education campaigns across television, internet,  
25 radio, print, and out-of-home advertising, separately targeting youth  
26 and adults, that provide medically and scientifically accurate  
27 information about the health and safety risks posed by marijuana use;

28 (c) Six-tenths of one percent to the University of Washington and  
29 four-tenths of one percent to Washington State University for research  
30 on the short and long-term effects of marijuana use, to include but not  
31 be limited to formal and informal methods for estimating and measuring  
32 intoxication and impairment, and for the dissemination of such  
33 research;

34 (d) Fifty percent to the state basic health plan trust account to  
35 be administered by the Washington basic health plan administrator and  
36 used as provided under chapter 70.47 RCW;

37 (e) Five percent to the Washington state health care authority to  
38 be expended exclusively through contracts with community health centers

1 to provide primary health and dental care services, migrant health  
2 services, and maternity health care services as provided under RCW  
3 41.05.220;

4 (f) Three-tenths of one percent to the office of the superintendent  
5 of public instruction to fund grants to building bridges programs under  
6 chapter 28A.175 RCW; ((and))

7 (g) One million five hundred sixty-two thousand five hundred  
8 dollars is provided to cities and towns to distribute to the fire  
9 protection providers in their jurisdiction, and six hundred twenty-five  
10 thousand dollars is provided to counties to be distributed to fire  
11 protection districts within the county's jurisdiction for the funding  
12 of fire protection services. The percentage of such funding allocated  
13 to each city, town, and county must be determined ratably on the basis  
14 of population as last determined by the office of financial management;

15 (h) One million five hundred sixty-two thousand five hundred  
16 dollars to cities and towns and six hundred twenty-five thousand  
17 dollars is provided to counties to fund law enforcement within their  
18 jurisdictions. The percentage of such funding allocated to each city,  
19 town, and county must be determined ratably on the basis of population  
20 as last determined by the office of financial management;

21 (i) One million two hundred fifty thousand dollars must be  
22 deposited into the Puget Sound ferry operations account established in  
23 RCW 47.60.530 for the operation and maintenance of the state ferry  
24 system;

25 (j) Six hundred twenty-five thousand dollars must be deposited into  
26 the Tacoma Narrows toll bridge account established in RCW 47.56.165 to  
27 reduce or prevent any toll increases charged for use of the Tacoma  
28 Narrows bridge facility; and

29 (k) The remainder to the general fund.

30 NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. This act takes effect July 1, 2014.

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