AN ACT Relating to making expenditures from the budget stabilization account to make critical investments; adding a new section to chapter 43.79 RCW; making appropriations; and declaring an emergency.

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

NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. FOR THE LOCAL EFFORT ASSISTANCE TRANSITION ACCOUNT. The sum of $90,557,000 is appropriated from the budget stabilization account for the fiscal biennium ending June 30, 2017, and is provided solely for expenditure into the local effort assistance transition account created in chapter . . . , Laws of 2016 (Engrossed House Bill No. 2698) for purposes of appropriations for local effort assistance in the 2017-2019 fiscal biennium. It is the intent of the legislature that any amounts in the local effort assistance transition account that are attributable to this appropriation and that are not expended for purposes of that account be transferred back into the budget stabilization account by June 30, 2019.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES—FIRES. The sum of $154,966,000 is appropriated from the budget stabilization account for the fiscal biennium ending June 30, 2017,
and is provided solely for fire suppression costs incurred by the
department of natural resources during the 2015 fire season. Amounts
provided in this section may not be used to pay for the department's
indirect and administrative expenses.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE—
FIRES. The sum of $344,000 is appropriated from the budget
stabilization account for the fiscal biennium ending June 30, 2017,
and is provided solely for the fire suppression costs incurred by the
department of fish and wildlife during the 2015 fire suppression
season. Amounts provided in this section may not be used to pay for
the department's indirect and administrative expenses.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. FOR THE WASHINGTON STATE PATROL—FIRES. The
sum of $34,365,000 is appropriated from the budget stabilization
account for the fiscal biennium ending June 30, 2017, and is provided
solely for Washington state fire service resource mobilization costs
incurred in response to an emergency or disaster authorized under RCW
43.43.960 through 43.43.964.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 5. FOR THE HOMELESS ASSISTANCE ACCOUNT. The
sum of $37,229,000 is appropriated from the budget stabilization
account for the fiscal biennium ending June 30, 2017, and is provided
solely for expenditure into the homeless assistance account created
in section 6 of this act.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 6. A new section is added to chapter 43.79
RCW to read as follows:
HOMELESS ASSISTANCE ACCOUNT CREATED. The homeless assistance
account is created in the state treasury. Moneys in the account may
be spent only after appropriation. Moneys in the account may be
expended only for housing assistance, support services, and other
purposes to address the state's homeless population.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 7. This act is necessary for the immediate
preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of
the state government and its existing public institutions, and takes
effect immediately.

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