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By House Community Development, Housing & Tribal Affairs (originally sponsored by Representatives Hawkins, Appleton, Johnson, Robinson, Zeiger, Blake, Haler, Parker, Kretz, Condotta, Short, Manweller, Tarleton, Ryu, and Fitzgibbon)

1 AN ACT Relating to support for economic recovery from natural
2 disasters; and adding a new section to chapter 43.330 RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 43.330
5 RCW to read as follows:

6 (1) The natural disaster economic recovery account is created in
7 the state treasury to be used only for the purposes of this section.

8 (2) Expenditures from the account may be made only to support the
9 economic recovery and development of areas described in the
10 proclamation of a state of emergency by the governor for a natural
11 disaster pursuant to RCW 43.06.010. Expenditures may be authorized
12 for:

13 (a) Rebuilding public infrastructure that was destroyed or
14 damaged by a natural disaster;

15 (b) Economic development projects, including tourism promotion
16 and job creation;

17 (c) Affordable and transitional housing development;

18 (d) Small business grant programs; and

19 (e) Other assistance projects dedicated to support sustainable
20 economic recovery efforts within the disaster area.

1 (3) Expenditures authorized under this section may not supplant
2 or otherwise affect eligibility for other state or federal funding
3 sources for emergency relief, including but not limited to the
4 Stafford act and other emergency management programs administered by
5 the Washington military department under chapter 38.52 RCW.

6 (4) Funding may be provided directly to a state agency, county,
7 city, or other local subdivision, or a nonprofit organization
8 dedicated to the long-term recovery of an area affected by a natural
9 disaster.

10 (5) The department must administer the account and must direct
11 the expenditure of funds subject to appropriations by the
12 legislature.

13 (6) The department may receive private and public grants,
14 donations, and private and public emergency financial aid for the
15 account.

16 (7) The governor, upon receiving the recommendation of the
17 director, may authorize the expenditure of funds provided in
18 subsection (6) of this section.

19 (8) The state auditor may conduct an audit of any expenditure
20 made from this account including the use of any account funds paid
21 directly to a private or public entity.

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