

(Expenditures from the foregoing two appropriations not to exceed amounts received from the tax levied under the provisions of Substitute House Bill No. 225.)

Total ..... \$4,000,000.00

SEC. 4. This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, support of the state government and its existing public institutions and shall take effect April 1, 1953.

Passed the Senate March 19, 1953.

Passed the House March 20, 1953.

Approved by the Governor March 25, 1953.

CHAPTER 4.

[S. B. 12.]

TUBERCULOSIS HOSPITALIZATION—STATE AID—FUND ESTABLISHED.

AN ACT relating to tuberculosis hospitalization; providing state aid therefor; establishing a state tuberculosis equalization fund and prescribing procedure for its disbursement; imposing certain duties upon counties; and repealing section 70.32.020, RCW.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

SECTION 1. To provide necessary funds for adequate care of tuberculosis patients in counties having a tuberculosis incidence there is established a state tuberculosis equalization fund which shall be apportioned and expended under the direction of the state director of health to provide state aid to counties in which the proceeds of the six-tenths mill tax levy required by RCW 70.32.010 are not sufficient to provide adequate tuberculosis hospitalization for all cases unable to pay the cost of such care.

Tuberculosis equalization fund established.

Payments from the state equalization fund shall be made by warrant of the state auditor to individual

Same; payments from.

counties upon vouchers of the state department of health. Upon receipt of such warrant the amount thereof shall be paid into the county tuberculosis hospitalization fund and disbursed in the same manner as county moneys are disbursed therefrom.

Same;  
payments;  
how made.

Payments to counties from the equalization fund shall be made on the following basis: Payments shall commence at such time as the county has expended all budgeted county moneys in the county tuberculosis hospitalization fund, excepting a sum estimated to be required for two months' operation of the tuberculosis hospitalization program within the county, which sum shall be used as a revolving fund and be expended for tuberculosis hospitalization during the final two months of the state biennium: *Provided*, That where proceeds of the six-tenths mill tax levy are not sufficient for the estimated two months' operation of the county tuberculosis hospitalization program the state shall advance such funds as are estimated to be required from the state tuberculosis equalization fund to provide the moneys for the two months' revolving fund at the beginning of each biennium.

Report  
by county  
auditor.

SEC. 2. The county auditor shall report monthly all moneys collected for tuberculosis hospitalization from all sources, including the revenue from the six-tenths mill tax levy as received, to the state director of health and deposit the same in the county tuberculosis hospitalization fund.

Review of  
tuberculosis  
hospital-  
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program by  
director of  
health.

SEC. 3. The state director of health shall annually review the tuberculosis hospitalization program in the state to determine if, through the consolidation of tuberculosis patients from smaller hospitals into larger tuberculosis hospitals which maintain good standards of medical care as determined by the state department of health, a financial saving will result to the state tuberculosis equalization fund. Before giving the notice of consolidation hereinafter pro-

vided the director of health shall conduct a public hearing at the county seat of the county wherein the smaller affected hospital is located; thirty days' notice of such hearing shall be given by the director of health in a manner so as to notify the affected hospital and the general public. If he so determines he shall notify the county or counties, as the case may be, of the facts, requesting that such consolidation be effectuated within a reasonable time but not to exceed one year from the date of such notification. If the county or counties refuse to make such consolidation, the director of health shall then allow from the state tuberculosis equalization fund only the amount of money that he estimates would have been the cost against the tuberculosis equalization fund if consolidation had been effected. Funds needed by said county or counties to operate their tuberculosis hospital over and above the six-tenths mill tax levy and above allotted state equalization fund amounts shall then be the financial responsibility of said county or counties.

SEC. 4. Section 70.32.020, RCW, as derived from section 2, chapter 162, Laws of 1943, as last amended by section 1, chapter 204, Laws of 1951, is repealed.

Passed the Senate March 19, 1953.

Passed the House March 19, 1953.

Approved by the Governor March 27, 1953.