

reimburse Wahkiakum county for sixty percent of the deficit incurred during each previous fiscal year in the operation and maintenance of the ferry, commencing with the fiscal year ending June 30, 1972. The state's sixty percent share of the annual operating and maintenance deficit shall include the one thousand dollars per month authorized in this subsection and the one thousand one hundred forty-two dollars and eighty-six cents per month authorized to be paid from October 1, 1973 through June 30, 1975.

(3) The annual deficit, if any, incurred in the operation and maintenance of the ferry shall be determined by Wahkiakum county subject to the approval of the Washington state highway commission. If sixty percent of the deficit for the preceding fiscal year exceeds the total amount paid to the county for that year, the additional amount shall be paid to the county by the Washington state highway commission upon the receipt of a properly executed voucher: PROVIDED, That the total of all payments to the county in any biennium shall not exceed the amount appropriated for that biennium.

~~((4) There is appropriated from the motor vehicle fund to the Washington state highway commission for the biennium ending June 30, 1973, the sum of forty thousand dollars or so much thereof as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this section.))~~

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. The legislative transportation committee, in cooperation with the state highway commission and the boards of county commissioners of counties operating ferry systems, shall conduct a study of the operations and financing of such systems so as to determine at what level, if any, the state highway commission should provide financial assistance to these counties. A report containing the findings and recommendations shall be made to the next regular or special session of the legislature.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. This 1973 amendatory act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, the support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take effect October 1, 1973.

Passed the Senate September 14, 1973.

Passed the House September 13, 1973.

Approved by the Governor September 22, 1973.

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CHAPTER 27

[ Engrossed Senate Bill No. 2960 ]

SUPPORT OF THE COMMON SCHOOLS--

TAX REFORM

AN ACT Relating to funds for the use of the common schools; adding a

new section to chapter 223, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. and to chapter 28A.41 RCW; making an effective date; and providing for the expiration of this act.

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

NEW SECTION. Section 1. There is added to chapter 223, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. and to chapter 28A.41 RCW a new section to read as follows:

From those funds made available by law for the current use of the common schools and in addition to any other funds provided by law, the superintendent of public instruction, upon approval by the electorate of a tax upon net income as referred to in section 21, chapter ..., Laws of 1973 2nd ex. sess. (SSB 2102), shall distribute to each district in which the voters authorized a special levy for operation and maintenance purposes for collection in 1974 an amount based upon the amount that such district's special levy would have provided for the 1973-74 fiscal year except for the provision of section 21, chapter ..., Laws of 1973 2nd ex. sess. (SSB 2102): PROVIDED, That the amount distributed under this section for the first half of calendar year 1974 shall be based upon the same percentage of property taxes which was actually collected the first half of calendar year 1973 for such districts, exclusive of delinquencies: PROVIDED FURTHER, That such moneys shall be apportioned and distributed according to a payment schedule developed by the superintendent of public instruction, the office of program planning and fiscal management and the department of revenue: PROVIDED, FURTHER, That this section shall be in effect only through June 30, 1974.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. The provisions of this 1973 amendatory act shall take effect on January 1, 1974 if the proposed amendment to Article 7 of the state Constitution (House Joint Resolution No. 37) authorizing the legislature to impose a tax upon net income and to authorize property tax relief is validly submitted and is approved and ratified by the voters at a general election held in November, 1973. If such proposed amendment is not so submitted and approved and ratified, this 1973 amendatory act shall be null and void in its entirety.

Passed the Senate September 10, 1973.

Passed the House September 15, 1973.

Approved by the Governor September 22, 1973.

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CHAPTER 28  
[Senate Bill No. 2965]  
TOLL BRIDGE AUTHORITY--FERRIES--  
SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION

AN ACT Relating to highways; making supplemental appropriations for the Washington toll bridge authority; and declaring an emergency.

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

NEW SECTION. Section 1. There is hereby appropriated to the Washington toll bridge authority for the biennium ending June 30, 1975 from the Puget Sound ferry operations account in the motor vehicle fund.....\$881,160 or so much thereof as may be necessary for the operation and maintenance of the ferry system.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, the support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take effect immediately.

Passed the Senate September 11, 1973.

Passed the House September 13, 1973.

Approved by the Governor September 22, 1973.

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CHAPTER 29  
[Engrossed Senate Bill No. 2967]  
ELECTRIC POWER--EMERGENCY CURTAILMENT  
AND/OR ALLOCATION

AN ACT Relating to electric power; creating a new chapter in Title 43 RCW; providing penalties; and declaring an emergency.

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

NEW SECTION. Section 1. The legislature finds and declares that due to one of the most severe droughts in recorded history, the sources of electric power are in such short supply as to create a clear and foreseeable danger that without institution of appropriate measures to reduce and/or allocate the usage of electricity through a program of mandatory usage curtailment and/or allocation, an electric power system failure involving the entire Pacific Northwest may occur. The prevention of such a power system failure is necessary for preservation of the public health, welfare, and safety of the citizens of this state.

It is the policy of the state of Washington and the intent of this legislation to prevent such a failure of the electric power