

(2) Sections 2 through 5 of this act change references to the division of banking of the department of taxation and examination and the division of banking of the department of finance, budget and business to the division of banking of the department of general administration.

(3) Sections 6 through 9 of this act change references to the director of marketing, the director of farm markets, and the director of markets to the director of agriculture.

(4) Section 10 of this act corrects a subsection numbering error.

(5) Section 11 of this act decodifies a transfer section that is no longer necessary because of this act.

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CHAPTER 26

[Senate Bill No. 6516]

BRIDGE REPLACEMENT IN RURAL AREAS

AN ACT Relating to replacement of bridges on rural arterials; and amending RCW 36-79.010, 36.79.020, 36.79.050, 36.79.060, 36.79.090, and 36.79.120.

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

Sec. 1. Section 1, chapter 49, Laws of 1983 1st ex. sess. and RCW 36-79.010 are each amended to read as follows:

The definitions set forth in this section apply throughout this chapter unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

(1) "Rural arterial program" means improvement projects on those two systems of county roads in rural areas classified as major collectors and minor collectors in accordance with the federal functional classification system and the construction of replacement bridges funded by the federal bridge replacement program on access roads in rural areas.

(2) "Rural area" means every area of the state outside of areas designated as urban areas by the state transportation commission with the approval of the secretary of the United States department of transportation in accordance with federal law.

(3) "Board" means the county road administration board created by RCW 36.78.030.

Sec. 2. Section 2, chapter 49, Laws of 1983 1st ex. sess. and RCW 36-79.020 are each amended to read as follows:

There is created in the motor vehicle fund the rural arterial trust account. All moneys deposited in the motor vehicle fund to be credited to the rural arterial trust account shall be expended for (1) the construction and improvement of county major and minor collectors in rural areas, (2) the construction of replacement bridges funded by the federal bridge replacement program on access roads in rural areas, and (3) for those expenses of the board associated with the administration of the rural arterial program.

Sec. 3. Section 5, chapter 49, Laws of 1983 1st ex. sess. and RCW 36.79.050 are each amended to read as follows:

At the beginning of each fiscal biennium, the board shall establish apportionment percentages for the five regions defined in RCW 36.79.030 in the manner prescribed in RCW 36.79.040 for that biennium. The apportionment percentages shall be used once each calendar quarter by the board to apportion funds credited to the rural arterial trust account that are available for expenditure for rural major and minor collector projects and for construction of replacement bridges funded by the federal bridge replacement program on access roads in rural areas. The funds so apportioned shall remain apportioned until expended on construction projects in accordance with rules of the board. Within each region, funds shall be allocated by the board to counties for the construction of specific rural arterial projects on major and minor collectors and construction of replacement bridges funded by the federal bridge replacement program on access roads in rural areas in accordance with the procedures set forth in this chapter.

Sec. 4. Section 6, chapter 49, Laws of 1983 1st ex. sess. and RCW 36.79.060 are each amended to read as follows:

The board shall:

- (1) Adopt rules necessary to implement the provisions of this chapter relating to the allocation of funds in the rural arterial trust account to counties;
- (2) Adopt reasonably uniform design standards for county major and minor collectors that meet the requirements for trucks transporting commodities;
- (3) Report biennially on the first day of November of the even-numbered years to the legislative transportation committee and the house and senate transportation committees regarding the progress of counties in developing plans for their rural major and minor collector construction programs and the construction of replacement bridges funded by the federal bridge replacement program on access roads in rural areas and the allocation of rural arterial trust funds to the counties.

Sec. 5. Section 10, chapter 49, Laws of 1983 1st ex. sess. and RCW 36.79.090 are each amended to read as follows:

Upon receipt of a county's revised six-year program, the board as soon as practicable shall review and may revise the construction program as it relates to rural arterials and the construction of replacement bridges funded by the federal bridge replacement program on access roads in rural areas for which rural arterial trust account moneys are requested as necessary to conform to (1) the priority rating of the proposed project, based upon the factors in RCW 36.79.080, in relation to proposed projects in all other rural arterial construction programs submitted by the counties and within each region; and (2) the amount of rural arterial trust account funds that the board estimates will be apportioned to the region.

Sec. 6. Section 12, chapter 49, Laws of 1983 1st ex. sess. and RCW 36.79.120 are each amended to read as follows:

Counties receiving funds from the rural arterial trust account for construction of arterials and the construction of replacement bridges funded by the federal bridge replacement program on access roads in rural areas shall provide such matching funds as established by rules recommended by the board, subject to review, revision, and final approval by the state transportation commission. Matching requirements shall be established after appropriate studies by the board, taking into account financial resources available to counties to meet arterial needs.

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CHAPTER 27

[Substitute Senate Bill No. 6536]

UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION—EXPERIENCE RATING ACCOUNTS— PLANT CURTAILMENT OR CLOSURE—NATURAL DISASTERS

AN ACT Relating to experience rating for unemployment insurance purposes; amending and reenacting RCW 50.29.020; and creating a new section.

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

Sec. 1. Section 2, chapter 2, Laws of 1987 and section 3, chapter 213, Laws of 1987 and RCW 50.29.020 are each amended and reenacted to read as follows:

(1) An experience rating account shall be established and maintained for each employer, except employers as described in RCW 50.44.010 and 50.44.030 who have properly elected to make payments in lieu of contributions, taxable local government employers as described in RCW 50.44.035, and those employers who are required to make payments in lieu of contributions, based on existing records of the employment security department. Benefits paid to any eligible individuals shall be charged to the experience rating accounts of each of such individual's employers during the individual's base year in the same ratio that the wages paid by each employer to the individual during the base year bear to the wages paid by all employers to that individual during that base year, except as otherwise provided in this section ((and in RCW 50.29.022)).

(2) The legislature finds that certain benefit payments, in whole or in part, should not be charged to the experience rating accounts of employers except those employers described in RCW 50.44.010 and 50.44.030 who have properly elected to make payments in lieu of contributions, taxable local government employers described in RCW 50.44.035, and those employers who are required to make payments in lieu of contributions, as follows: