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By Representatives Eslick and Barkis

1 AN ACT Relating to allowable uses for the multiuse roadway safety  
2 account; and amending RCW 46.09.540.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.09.540 and 2013 2nd sp.s. c 23 s 10 are each  
5 amended to read as follows:

6 (1) The multiuse roadway safety account is created in the motor  
7 vehicle fund. All receipts from vehicle license fees under RCW  
8 46.17.350(1)(r) must be deposited into the account. Moneys in the  
9 account may be spent only after appropriation. Expenditures from the  
10 account may be used only for grants administered by the department of  
11 transportation to: (a) Counties to perform safety engineering  
12 analysis of mixed vehicle use on any road within a county; (b) local  
13 governments to provide funding to erect signs providing notice to the  
14 motoring public that (i) wheeled all-terrain vehicles are present or  
15 (ii) wheeled all-terrain vehicles may be crossing; (c) the state  
16 patrol or local law enforcement for purposes of defraying the costs  
17 of enforcement of chapter 23, Laws of 2013 2nd sp. sess.; (~~and~~) (d)  
18 law enforcement to investigate accidents involving wheeled all-  
19 terrain vehicles; (e) counties to enhance or maintain any segment of  
20 a road within the county in which the segment has been designated as  
21 part of a travel or tourism route for use by wheeled all-terrain

1 vehicles; and (f) purchase, print, develop, or use educational  
2 brochures or mapping technology that aids in the safety and direction  
3 of users of wheeled all-terrain vehicle routes.

4 (2) The department of transportation must prioritize grant awards  
5 in the following priority order:

6 (a) For the purpose of marking highway crossings with signs  
7 warning motorists that wheeled all-terrain vehicles may be crossing  
8 when an ORV recreation facility parking lot is on the other side of a  
9 public roadway from the actual ORV recreation facility; and

10 (b) For the purpose of marking intersections with signs where a  
11 wheeled all-terrain vehicle may cross a public road to advise  
12 motorists of the upcoming intersection. Such signs must conform to  
13 the manual on uniform traffic control devices.

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