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**SENATE BILL 5040**

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**By** Senator Fortunato

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1 AN ACT Relating to enhancing litter control along state highways;  
2 amending RCW 70A.200.170 and 70A.200.190; and creating a new section.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 70A.200.170 and 2020 c 20 s 1078 are each amended to  
5 read as follows:

6 (1) The department is the coordinating and administrative agency  
7 working with the departments of natural resources, revenue,  
8 transportation, and corrections, and the parks and recreation  
9 commission in developing a biennial budget request for funds for the  
10 various agencies' litter collection programs.

11 (2) Funds may be used to meet the needs of efficient and  
12 effective litter collection and illegal dumping programs identified  
13 by the various agencies. The department shall develop criteria for  
14 evaluating the effectiveness and efficiency of the waste reduction,  
15 litter control, and recycling programs being administered by the  
16 various agencies listed in RCW 70A.200.140, and shall distribute  
17 funds according to the effectiveness and efficiency of those  
18 programs, with a priority given to litter control along state  
19 highways. In addition, the department shall approve funding requests  
20 for efficient and effective waste reduction, litter control, and

1 recycling programs, provide funds, and monitor the results of all  
2 agency programs.

3 (3) All agencies are responsible for reporting information on  
4 their litter collection programs as requested by the department.

5 (4) The department shall contract with the department of  
6 transportation to schedule litter prevention messaging and  
7 coordination of litter emphasis patrols with the Washington state  
8 patrol. Additionally, the department of transportation may coordinate  
9 with the department to conduct litter pickup during scheduled  
10 maintenance closures as situations allow.

11 **Sec. 2.** RCW 70A.200.190 and 2020 c 20 s 1079 are each amended to  
12 read as follows:

13 (1) The department shall provide funding to local units of  
14 government to establish, conduct, and evaluate community restitution  
15 and other programs for waste reduction, litter and illegal dump  
16 cleanup, and recycling. Programs eligible for funding under this  
17 section shall include, but not be limited to, programs established  
18 pursuant to RCW 72.09.260.

19 (2) Funds may be offered for costs associated with community  
20 waste reduction, litter cleanup and prevention, and recycling  
21 activities. The funding program must be flexible, allowing local  
22 governments to use funds broadly to meet their needs to reduce waste,  
23 control litter and illegal dumping, and promote recycling. Local  
24 governments are required to contribute resources or in-kind services.  
25 The department shall evaluate funding requests from local government  
26 according to the same criteria as those developed in RCW 70A.200.170,  
27 provide funds according to the effectiveness and efficiency of local  
28 government litter control programs, and monitor the results of all  
29 local government programs under this section.

30 (3) Local governments may initiate and apply to the department  
31 for reimbursement of litter clean-up activities on state highway  
32 ramps located within the jurisdiction of the local government.

33 (4) Local governments shall report information as requested by  
34 the department in funding agreements entered into by the department  
35 and a local government.

1        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 3.**    This act may be known and cited as the  
2    welcome to Washington act.

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