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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 8201

State of Washington 68th Legislature 2023 Regular Session

By Senators Mullet and Warnick Prefiled 12/19/22.

BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON, IN LEGISLATIVE SESSION ASSEMBLED:

THAT, At the next general election to be held in this state the secretary of state shall submit to the qualified voters of the state for their approval and ratification, or rejection, an amendment to Article VIII of the Constitution of the state of Washington by adding a new section to read as follows:

- 8 Article VIII, section (a) A public works assistance 9 revolving account shall be established and maintained in the state 10 treasury.
- 11 (b) All moneys received from local governments in the repayment 12 of loans made under the public works assistance account and the 13 public works assistance revolving account shall be paid into the 14 public works assistance revolving account.
- 15 (c) Moneys may be withdrawn and appropriated from the public 16 works assistance revolving account to provide loans and grants to 17 local governments.
- (d) As used in this section, "local governments" means cities, towns, counties, political subdivisions of the state, and any other municipal corporations or quasi municipal corporations in the state excluding school districts and port districts.

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- (e) As used in this section, "public works projects" means a project of a local government for the planning, acquisition, construction, repair, reconstruction, replacement, rehabilitation, or improvement of streets and roads, bridges, water systems, storm and sanitary sewage systems, lead remediation of drinking water systems, and solid waste facilities, including recycling facilities, or other public works uses as the legislature may direct.
- 8 (f) The legislature shall enact appropriate laws to carry out the 9 purposes of this section.
 - (g) This section takes effect July 1, 2025.

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- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this amendment is a single amendment within the meaning of Article XXIII, section 1 of the state Constitution.
- The legislature finds that the changes contained in this amendment constitute a single integrated plan for creating a public works assistance revolving account. If this amendment is held to be separate amendments, this joint resolution is void in its entirety and is of no further force and effect.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the secretary of state shall cause notice of the foregoing constitutional amendment to be published at least four times during the four weeks next preceding the election in every legal newspaper in the state.

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