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### **TITLE FOR AGENDA ITEM:**

Discussion of utilizing Cares Act funding to assist Whatcom County Water Districts

### **SUMMARY STATEMENT OR LEGAL NOTICE LANGUAGE:**

COVID has caused many of our community members to incur significant losses of income. This loss has led to many households being unable to pay for key utilities such as water and sewer, leading to significant revenue shortfalls for many of our Water Districts. State orders have further complicated the situation by restricting a utilities' ability to collect past due revenue and late fees.

An additional increase in unexpected costs has further compounded the financial strain. These increases are related to purchasing the necessary safety equipment needed to protect these essential agencies' employees and customers while they ensure uninterrupted access to critical health services they provide.