
HOUSE BILL 1361

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By Representatives Edmondson, Chandler, Lisk, Rayburn, Hochstatter, Inslee and Bray.

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1 AN ACT Relating to rebuilding the Clear Creek dam; creating new
2 sections; and making an appropriation.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** It is the declared policy of the state
5 to preserve, conserve, and enhance recreational resources. The
6 rebuilding of Clear Creek dam will restore Clear Lake to the level that
7 existed prior to breaching in March and April of 1990. A restored
8 Clear Lake is of major recreational importance to the citizens of this
9 state, residents of local committees, and visitors from throughout the
10 country and abroad.

11 The bureau of reclamation within the United States department of
12 the interior has projected that the cost of rebuilding the dam will be
13 five million dollars. Local entities and the federal government have
14 pledged funding in the following amounts: United States forest
15 service, two million five hundred thousand dollars; local irrigation

1 districts, five hundred thousand dollars; other local efforts, two
2 hundred fifty thousand dollars. The legislature finds that the state
3 should now step in to do its part.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** For the purposes of this act, the
5 following definitions apply:

6 (1) "Committee" means the interagency committee for outdoor
7 recreation.

8 (2) "Project" means the rebuilding of the Clear Creek dam by and
9 according to the plans of the United States bureau of reclamation.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The sum of one million seven hundred
11 fifty thousand dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, is
12 appropriated for the biennium ending June 30, 1993, from the general
13 fund to the committee for the purpose of rebuilding the Clear Creek dam
14 by and according to the plans of the United States bureau of
15 reclamation. The committee shall hold these funds in trust until such
16 time as the following events occur, but in no case later than November
17 30, 1992:

18 (1) The committee reasonably concludes that sufficient funds to
19 complete the project have been committed;

20 (2) The committee gives its consent to the final approved plans for
21 the project, such consent not to be unreasonably withheld; and

22 (3) The committee reasonably concludes that the project will go
23 forth, and will be completed.

24 If, before or on November 30, 1992, the foregoing conditions have
25 been met, then the committee shall release the funds held in trust to
26 an authorized agent of the bureau of reclamation. If, on November 30,
27 1992, such conditions have not been met, then the committee shall
28 transfer the funds held in trust to the state treasurer for deposit

1 into the general fund.