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By Representatives Valle, Rayburn, Edmondson, Miller, Jacobsen and Kremen; by request of Joint Select Committee on Water Resource Policy

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1 AN ACT Relating to water resource issues; creating a new section;  
2 and making an appropriation.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The governor shall, for the purposes of  
5 preparing a report, assemble representatives from state agencies, local  
6 governments, and tribal governments involved in water resource issues  
7 in the central Puget Sound area. The governor shall receive a report  
8 before March 15, 1994, suggesting an identified region or regions in  
9 the central Puget Sound area for designation as a regional planning  
10 area or areas.

11 (2) The report to be made pursuant to subsection (1) of this  
12 section shall, in addition to identifying suggested boundaries, make  
13 recommendations identifying the water resource issues it anticipates  
14 are relevant to each planning area. The report shall also identify the  
15 interested public and private groups that have a specific interest in  
16 participating in a regional planning area or areas in the central Puget  
17 Sound. Further, the report shall make recommendations regarding  
18 amounts and sources of funding required for the regional planning area

1 or areas including proposals for cost sharing from interested parties,  
2 and for a coordinating entity.

3 (3) The governor shall, within ninety days of receipt of the report  
4 required in subsection (1) of this section, establish a regional  
5 planning area or areas in the central Puget Sound to further develop  
6 and implement the comprehensive water resources plan required by RCW  
7 90.54.040(1).

8 (4) Any water planning activities currently occurring within a  
9 political subdivision of the state of Washington, or between state,  
10 local, or tribal governments are encouraged to continue during the  
11 creation of the regional planning area or areas required by subsection  
12 (1) of this section. The report required by subsection (1) of this  
13 section shall identify these activities and make recommendations  
14 regarding their consolidation and inclusion into the formulation of a  
15 final regional plan or plans.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The sum of . . . . . dollars, or as much  
17 thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for the biennium ending  
18 June 30, 1995, from the general fund to the office of the governor for  
19 the purposes of implementing section 1(3) of this act. As a condition  
20 of this appropriation, . . . . . dollars shall be held in reserve  
21 until the governor establishes water resource regional planning areas  
22 in the central Puget Sound in accordance with section 1(3) of this act.  
23 As a further condition of this appropriation, . . . . . dollars shall  
24 be held in reserve to provide for grants to tribal governments within  
25 the region or regions designated by the governor that require  
26 assistance in order to participate in the water resource regional  
27 planning process.

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