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By Representatives Chandler, Linville, Koster, Doumit, Grant, Lantz, Kessler, Hatfield, Schoesler, Honeyford and Sullivan

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1 AN ACT Relating to funding for conservation districts to address  
2 nonpoint source pollution water quality problems; reenacting and  
3 amending RCW 70.146.060; providing an effective date; and declaring an  
4 emergency.

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

6 **Sec. 1.** RCW 70.146.060 and 1987 c 527 s 1 and 1987 c 436 s 7 are  
7 each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

8 (1) During the period from July 1, ((1987)) 1997, until June 30,  
9 ((1995)) 2007, the following limitation((s shall apply)) applies to the  
10 department's total distribution of funds appropriated from the water  
11 quality account:

12 ((1) Not more than fifty percent for water pollution control  
13 facilities which discharge directly into marine waters;

14 (2) Not more than twenty percent for water pollution control  
15 activities that prevent or mitigate pollution of underground waters and  
16 facilities that protect federally designated sole source aquifers with  
17 at least two-thirds for the Spokane-Rathdrum Prairie Aquifer;

1       ~~(3) Not more than ten percent for water pollution control~~  
2 ~~activities that protect freshwater lakes and rivers including but not~~  
3 ~~limited to Lake Chelan and the Yakima and Columbia rivers;~~

4       ~~(4) Not more than ten percent for activities which control nonpoint~~  
5 ~~source water pollution;~~

6       ~~(5) Ten percent and such sums as may be remaining from the~~  
7 ~~categories specified in subsections (1) through (4) of this section for~~  
8 ~~water pollution control activities or facilities as determined by the~~  
9 ~~department; and~~

10       ~~(6) Two and one half percent of the total amounts of moneys under~~  
11 ~~subsections (1) through (5) of this section from February 21, 1986,~~  
12 ~~until December 31, 1995, shall be appropriated biennially)) Ten million~~  
13 ~~dollars per biennium shall be distributed to the state conservation~~  
14 ~~commission for distribution to conservation districts for the purposes~~  
15 ~~of ((this chapter. Not less than ten percent of the moneys received by~~  
16 ~~the state conservation commission under the provisions of this section~~  
17 ~~shall be expended on research activities)) addressing nonpoint source~~  
18 ~~pollution water quality problems. Bonds may not be issued for the~~  
19 ~~purposes of this subsection.~~

20       (2) The distribution under this section shall not be required to be  
21 met in any single fiscal year.

22       (3) Funds provided for facilities and activities under this chapter  
23 may be used for payments to a service provider under a service  
24 agreement pursuant to RCW 70.150.060. If funds are to be used for such  
25 payments, the department may make periodic disbursements to a public  
26 body or may make a single lump sum disbursement. Disbursements of  
27 funds with respect to a facility owned or operated by a service  
28 provider shall be equivalent in value to disbursements that would  
29 otherwise be made if that facility were owned or operated by a public  
30 body. Payments under this chapter for waste disposal and management  
31 facilities made to public bodies entering into service agreements  
32 pursuant to RCW 70.150.060 shall not exceed amounts paid to public  
33 bodies not entering into service agreements.

34       NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. This act is necessary for the immediate  
35 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the

1 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect  
2 July 1, 1997.

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