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1 AN ACT Relating to reducing impacts of floods on people and
2 habitat; and reenacting and amending RCW 43.155.050.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.155.050 and 1995 2nd sp.s. c 18 s 918 and 1995 c
5 376 s 11 are each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

6 The public works assistance account is hereby established in the
7 state treasury. Money may be placed in the public works assistance
8 account from the proceeds of bonds when authorized by the legislature
9 or from any other lawful source. Money in the public works assistance
10 account shall be used to make loans and to give financial guarantees to
11 local governments for public works projects. Moneys in the account may
12 also be appropriated to provide for state match requirements under
13 federal law for projects and activities conducted and financed by the
14 board under the drinking water assistance account. During the ((1995-
15 97)) 1999-2001 fiscal biennium, moneys in the public works assistance
16 account may be appropriated for transfer to the flood control
17 assistance account to be used for flood control assistance, including
18 grants under chapter 86.26 RCW. To the extent that moneys in the
19 public works assistance account are not appropriated during the ((1995-

1 97)) 1999-2001 fiscal biennium for public works or flood control
2 assistance, the legislature may direct their transfer to the state
3 general fund. In awarding grants under chapter 86.26 RCW, the
4 department of ecology shall give strong preference to local governments
5 that have: (1) Implemented, or are in the process of implementing, an
6 ordinance that establishes a flood plain policy that is substantially
7 more stringent than minimum federal requirements; (2) completed a
8 comprehensive flood control plan meeting the requirements of RCW
9 86.12.200; or (3) ~~((constructed, or are in the process of constructing,~~
10 ~~a system of overtopping dikes or levees that allow public access))~~
11 projects that achieve flood management benefits both for people and for
12 habitat for salmon and steelhead species that are listed or proposed to
13 be listed under the federal endangered species act.

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