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By Senators Swecker, Rasmussen, Morton and Fraser

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1 AN ACT Relating to permit coordination; and amending RCW
2 43.160.060.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.160.060 and 1996 c 51 s 5 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 The board is authorized to make direct loans to political
7 subdivisions of the state for the purposes of assisting the political
8 subdivisions in financing the cost of public facilities, including
9 development of land and improvements for public facilities, as well as
10 the construction, rehabilitation, alteration, expansion, or improvement
11 of the facilities. Grants may be authorized for permit coordination
12 under chapters 36.70B and 90.60 RCW and for facilitation costs of
13 collaborative procedure products under section 1, chapter . . . , Laws
14 of 1999 (section 1 of S-0741/99). A grant may also be authorized for
15 purposes designated in this chapter, but only when, and to the extent
16 that, a loan is not reasonably possible, given the limited resources of
17 the political subdivision and the finding by the board that unique
18 circumstances exist. The board shall not obligate more than twenty
19 percent of its biennial appropriation as grants.

1 Application for funds shall be made in the form and manner as the
2 board may prescribe. In making grants or loans the board shall conform
3 to the following requirements:

4 (1) The board shall not provide financial assistance:

5 (a) For a project the primary purpose of which is to facilitate or
6 promote a retail shopping development or expansion.

7 (b) For any project that evidence exists would result in a
8 development or expansion that would displace existing jobs in any other
9 community in the state.

10 (c) For the acquisition of real property, including buildings and
11 other fixtures which are a part of real property.

12 (2) The board shall only provide financial assistance:

13 (a) For those projects which would result in specific private
14 developments or expansions (i) in manufacturing, production, food
15 processing, assembly, warehousing, and industrial distribution; (ii)
16 for processing recyclable materials or for facilities that support
17 recycling, including processes not currently provided in the state,
18 including but not limited to, de-inking facilities, mixed waste paper,
19 plastics, yard waste, and problem-waste processing; (iii) for
20 manufacturing facilities that rely significantly on recyclable
21 materials, including but not limited to waste tires and mixed waste
22 paper; (iv) which support the relocation of businesses from
23 nondistressed urban areas to distressed rural areas; or (v) which
24 substantially support the trading of goods or services outside of the
25 state's borders.

26 (b) For projects which it finds will improve the opportunities for
27 the successful maintenance, establishment, or expansion of industrial
28 or commercial plants or will otherwise assist in the creation or
29 retention of long-term economic opportunities.

30 (c) When the application includes convincing evidence that a
31 specific private development or expansion is ready to occur and will
32 occur only if the public facility improvement is made.

33 (3) The board shall prioritize each proposed project according to
34 the relative benefits provided to the community by the jobs the project
35 would create, not just the total number of jobs it would create after
36 the project is completed and according to the unemployment rate in the
37 area in which the jobs would be located. As long as there is more
38 demand for financial assistance than there are funds available, the
39 board is instructed to fund projects in order of their priority.

1 (4) A responsible official of the political subdivision shall be
2 present during board deliberations and provide information that the
3 board requests.

4 Before any financial assistance application is approved, the
5 political subdivision seeking the assistance must demonstrate to the
6 community economic revitalization board that no other timely source of
7 funding is available to it at costs reasonably similar to financing
8 available from the community economic revitalization board.

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