
SENATE BILL 6654

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1 AN ACT Relating to homeland security; adding a new section to
2 chapter 38.52 RCW; creating a new section; making an appropriation; and
3 declaring an emergency.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds portions of Washington
6 state may face significant threats from terrorism based upon their
7 political, symbolic, or economic significance. The state is not
8 currently providing funding to local emergency management agencies,
9 while federal funds for emergency management purposes continue to
10 decrease.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 38.52 RCW
12 to read as follows:

13 The state shall provide two million dollars each fiscal biennium to
14 the military department to be provided as homeland security grants to
15 political subdivisions of the state in the manner provided in this
16 section.

17 (1) Grants shall be awarded to up to ten jurisdictions annually, on
18 a prioritized basis, that have established emergency management

1 programs. The grant priorities shall be based on existing threat and
2 vulnerability assessments approved by the military department.

3 (2) Homeland security grants under this section may be used by
4 political subdivisions for such purposes as funding full-time
5 counterterrorism coordinators, terrorism consequence planning,
6 training, exercises, and other resources.

7 (3) Funding provided under this section shall not be used to
8 supplant or replace existing state or local emergency management
9 funding.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The sum of two million dollars, or as much
11 thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the general fund to
12 the military department for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2003, to
13 carry out the purposes of section 2 of this act.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** This act is necessary for the immediate
15 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
16 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect
17 immediately.

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