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By House Committee on Natural Resources, Ecology & Parks (originally sponsored by Representatives Kilmer, Lantz, Talcott, Appleton, Holmquist, Hunt, Green, Williams, Buck and Haler)

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1 AN ACT Relating to providing dedicated funding from the water
2 quality account for lake restoration and management; amending RCW
3 70.146.030; and adding a new section to chapter 70.146 RCW.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 70.146.030 and 2004 c 277 s 909 are each amended to
6 read as follows:

7 (1) The water quality account is hereby created in the state
8 treasury. Moneys in the account may be used only in a manner
9 consistent with this chapter. Moneys deposited in the account shall be
10 administered by the department of ecology and shall be subject to
11 legislative appropriation. Moneys placed in the account shall include
12 tax receipts as provided in RCW 82.24.027, 82.26.025, and 82.32.390,
13 principal and interest from the repayment of any loans granted pursuant
14 to this chapter, and any other moneys appropriated to the account by
15 the legislature.

16 (2) The department may use or permit the use of any moneys in the
17 account to make grants or loans to public bodies, including grants to
18 public bodies as cost-sharing moneys in any case where federal, local,
19 or other funds are made available on a cost-sharing basis, for water

1 pollution control facilities and activities, or for purposes of
2 assisting a public body to obtain an ownership interest in water
3 pollution control facilities and/or to defray a part of the payments
4 made by a public body to a service provider under a service agreement
5 entered into pursuant to RCW 70.150.060, within the purposes of this
6 chapter and for related administrative expenses. For the period July
7 1, 2003, to June 30, 2005, moneys in the account may be used to process
8 applications received by the department that seek to make changes to or
9 transfer existing water rights, for water conveyance projects, and for
10 grants and technical assistance to public bodies for watershed planning
11 under chapter 90.82 RCW.

12 (3) No more than three percent of the moneys deposited in the
13 account may be used by the department to pay for the administration of
14 the grant and loan program authorized by this chapter.

15 ~~((+3))~~ (4) At least twenty-five percent of the moneys deposited
16 into the account for the centennial clean water act grant program
17 established in this section shall be allocated for freshwater systems
18 during the bienniums ending in 2007 and 2009. The priority for these
19 funds shall be establishment and implementation of a comprehensive lake
20 restoration and management program. These moneys may be used for
21 efforts related to: Lake restoration; improvement of lake water
22 quality; control of lake eutrophication; clearing, prevention, and
23 control of algae and harmful algal blooms in lakes; and eradication and
24 prevention of invasive plant and animal species in lakes.

25 (5) Beginning with the biennium ending June 30, 1997, the
26 department shall present a biennial progress report on the use of
27 moneys from the account to the chairs of the senate committee on ways
28 and means and the house of representatives committee on appropriations.
29 The first report is due June 30, 1996, and the report for each
30 succeeding biennium is due December 31 of the odd-numbered year. The
31 report shall consist of a list of each recipient, project description,
32 and amount of the grant, loan, or both.

33 NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. A new section is added to chapter 70.146 RCW
34 to read as follows:

35 The department of ecology shall prepare a report for the
36 appropriate committees of the legislature, by January 1, 2009, that

1 evaluates if there is a need and demand for continued funding of the
2 lake restoration and management program as provided in RCW 70.146.030.

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