
HOUSE BILL 3375

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1 AN ACT Relating to catastrophic flood relief; making an
2 appropriation; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The sum of fifty million dollars, or as much
5 thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for the biennium ending
6 June 30, 2009, from the state building construction account to the
7 office of financial management, working with and through other state
8 agencies, the Chehalis basin flood control authority, and other local
9 governments as appropriate, to participate in flood hazard mitigation
10 projects for the Chehalis river basin.

11 (1) Up to two million five hundred thousand dollars of the
12 appropriation is for the Chehalis basin flood control authority or
13 other authorized local government groups to develop or participate in
14 the development of flood hazard mitigation measures throughout the
15 basin.

16 (2) The office of financial management shall participate as the
17 nonfederal sponsor of United States army corps of engineers flood
18 hazard mitigation projects for the Chehalis river basin area, including
19 the project authorized by the water resources development act of 2007

1 and projects to be developed under the basin-wide study authorized by
2 United States house resolution 2581, if such projects are mutually
3 agreed to between the federal government, the office of financial
4 management, and the Chehalis basin flood control authority or other
5 authorized local government group. The office of financial management
6 shall prepare the necessary agreements to ensure an active partnership
7 with federal and state agencies, local governments, the Chehalis river
8 flood control authority, and others as needed.

9 (3) The office of financial management shall not allot funds for
10 construction of flood hazard mitigation projects for the Chehalis river
11 basin until a project agreement between nonfederal project partners has
12 been signed and copies have been provided to the governor, the majority
13 and minority leaders of the senate, and the speaker and minority leader
14 of the house of representatives. The project agreement must delineate
15 responsibility for the ongoing operations and maintenance of the
16 project. The agreement must also include a plan to meet applicable
17 floodplain management requirements and to address any applicable
18 federal requirements for managing the effect of future land use
19 developments on the extent and severity of flooding.

20 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** This act is necessary for the immediate
21 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
22 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect
23 immediately.

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