

HB 1392 - S COMM AMD

By Committee on Natural Resources & Parks

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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

3 "Sec. 1. RCW 79A.15.030 and 2009 c 341 s 2 are each amended to
4 read as follows:

5 (1) Moneys appropriated for this chapter shall be divided as
6 follows:

7 (a) Appropriations for a biennium of forty million dollars or
8 less must be allocated equally between the habitat conservation
9 account and the outdoor recreation account.

10 (b) If appropriations for a biennium total more than forty
11 million dollars, the money must be allocated as follows: (i) Twenty
12 million dollars to the habitat conservation account and twenty
13 million dollars to the outdoor recreation account; (ii) any amount
14 over forty million dollars up to fifty million dollars shall be
15 allocated as follows: (A) Ten percent to the habitat conservation
16 account; (B) ten percent to the outdoor recreation account; (C) forty
17 percent to the riparian protection account; and (D) forty percent to
18 the farmlands preservation account; and (iii) any amounts over fifty
19 million dollars must be allocated as follows: (A) Thirty percent to
20 the habitat conservation account; (B) thirty percent to the outdoor
21 recreation account; (C) thirty percent to the riparian protection
22 account; and (D) ten percent to the farmlands preservation account.

23 (2) Except as otherwise provided in chapter 303, Laws of 2005,
24 moneys deposited in these accounts shall be invested as authorized
25 for other state funds, and any earnings on them shall be credited to
26 the respective account.

27 (3) All moneys deposited in the habitat conservation, outdoor
28 recreation, riparian protection, and farmlands preservation accounts
29 shall be allocated as provided under RCW 79A.15.040, 79A.15.050,
30 79A.15.120, and 79A.15.130 as grants to state or local agencies or
31 nonprofit nature conservancy organizations or associations for
32 acquisition, development, and renovation within the jurisdiction of
33 those agencies, subject to legislative appropriation. The board may

1 use or permit the use of any funds appropriated for this chapter as
2 matching funds where federal, local, or other funds are made
3 available for projects within the purposes of this chapter. Moneys
4 appropriated to these accounts that are not obligated to a specific
5 project may be used to fund projects from lists of alternate projects
6 from the same account in biennia succeeding the biennium in which the
7 moneys were originally appropriated.

8 (4) Projects receiving grants under this chapter that are
9 developed or otherwise accessible for public recreational uses shall
10 be available to the public.

11 (5) The board may make grants to an eligible project from the
12 habitat conservation, outdoor recreation, riparian protection, and
13 farmlands preservation accounts and any one or more of the applicable
14 categories under such accounts described in RCW 79A.15.040,
15 79A.15.050, 79A.15.120, and 79A.15.130.

16 (6) The board may accept private donations to the habitat
17 conservation account, the outdoor recreation account, the riparian
18 protection account, and the farmlands preservation account for the
19 purposes specified in this chapter.

20 (7) The board may (~~apply up to three percent~~) retain a portion
21 of the funds appropriated for this chapter for its office for the
22 administration of the programs and purposes specified in this
23 chapter. The portion of the funds retained for administration may not
24 exceed: (a) The actual administration costs averaged over the
25 previous five biennia as a percentage of the legislature's new
26 appropriation for this chapter; or (b) the amount specified in the
27 appropriation, if any. Each biennium the percentage specified under
28 (a) of this subsection must be approved by the office of financial
29 management and submitted along with the prioritized lists of projects
30 to be funded in RCW 79A.15.060(6), 79A.15.070(7), 79A.15.120(10), and
31 79A.15.130(11).

32 (8) Habitat and recreation land and facilities acquired or
33 developed with moneys appropriated for this chapter may not, without
34 prior approval of the board, be converted to a use other than that
35 for which funds were originally approved. The board shall adopt rules
36 and procedures governing the approval of such a conversion."

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1 On page 1, line 3 of the title, after "79A.15 RCW;" strike the
2 remainder of the title and insert "and amending RCW 79A.15.030."

EFFECT: Provides that the amount retained for administration may not exceed the administrative cost calculation in the underlying bill or the amount specified in the appropriation, if any.

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