
SENATE BILL 6125

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By Senators Honeyford, Keiser, and Warnick

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1 AN ACT Relating to emergency drought response; adding a new
2 section to 2013 2nd sp.s. c 19 (uncodified); creating new sections;
3 making appropriations; and declaring an emergency.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) Subject to the provisions set forth in
6 this act, the several dollar amounts hereinafter specified, or so
7 much thereof as shall be sufficient to accomplish the purposes
8 designated, are hereby appropriated and authorized to be incurred for
9 capital projects during the period beginning with the effective date
10 of this section and ending June 30, 2017, out of the several funds
11 specified in this act.

12 (2) The definitions in this subsection apply throughout this act
13 unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

14 (a) "Fiscal year 2016" or "FY 2016" means the period beginning
15 July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2016.

16 (b) "Fiscal year 2017" or "FY 2017" means the period beginning
17 July 1, 2016, and ending June 30, 2017.

18 (c) "Lapse" or "revert" means the amount shall return to an
19 unappropriated status.

20 (d) "Provided solely" means the specified amount may be spent
21 only for the specified purpose.

1 (3) Unless otherwise specifically authorized in this act, any
2 portion of an amount provided solely for a specified purpose that is
3 not expended subject to the specified conditions and limitations to
4 fulfill the specified purpose shall lapse.

5 (4) The amounts shown under the headings "Prior Biennia," "Future
6 Biennia," and "Total" in this act are for informational purposes only
7 and do not constitute legislative approval of these amounts. "Prior
8 biennia" typically refers to the immediate prior biennium for
9 reappropriations, but may refer to multiple biennia in the case of
10 specific projects. A "future biennia" amount is an estimate of what
11 may be appropriated for the project or program in the 2017-2019
12 biennium and the following three biennia; an amount of zero does not
13 necessarily constitute legislative intent to not provide funding for
14 the project or program in the future.

15 **PART I**

16 **2015 SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING**

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 101. FOR THE OFFICE OF FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT—**
18 **EMERGENCY DROUGHT RESPONSE**

19 The appropriation in this section is subject to the following
20 conditions and limitations: The appropriation in this section is
21 provided solely for expenditure into the state drought preparedness
22 account established in RCW 43.83B.430.

23 General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2015). \$14,000,000

24 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 102.** A new section is added to 2013 2nd sp.s.
25 c 19 (uncodified) to read as follows:

26 **FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY**

27 2015 Drought Emergency (92000146)

28 The appropriations in this section are subject to the following
29 conditions and limitations:

30 (1) The appropriations in this section are provided solely for
31 response to a statewide drought declared pursuant to chapter 43.83B
32 RCW. The department of ecology may provide funding or compensation
33 for purchase or lease of water rights and to public bodies as defined
34 in RCW 43.83B.050 in connection with projects and measures designed
35 to alleviate drought conditions that may affect: Public health and
36 safety; drinking water supplies; agricultural activities; or fish and

1 wildlife survival. The state taxable building construction account—
2 state appropriation must be expended for projects and activities
3 related to those projects for which the anticipated benefits exceed
4 ten years.

5 (2) Projects or measures for which funding or compensation will
6 be provided must be connected with a water system, water source, or
7 water body that is receiving, or has been projected to receive, less
8 than seventy-five percent of normal water supply, as the result of
9 natural drought conditions. This reduction in water supply must be
10 such that it is causing, or will cause, undue hardship for the
11 entities or fish or wildlife depending on the water supply. General
12 criteria for guidelines to be established by the department of
13 ecology for distribution of funds must include: A balanced and
14 equitable distribution of the funds among the different sectors
15 affected by drought; a funding process that ensures funds are
16 available for drought impacts that arise both early and later during
17 the course of the drought; and preference for projects that leverage
18 other federal and local funds.

19 Appropriation:

20	State Drought Preparedness Account—State.	\$14,000,000
21	State Taxable Building Construction Account—State. . .	\$4,000,000
22	Subtotal Appropriation.	\$18,000,000
23	Prior Biennia (Expenditures).	\$0
24	Future Biennia (Projected Costs).	\$0
25	TOTAL.	\$18,000,000

26 **PART II**
27 **REAPPROPRIATION FOR 2015-2017**

28 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 201. FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY**
29 2015 Drought Emergency (92000146)

30 The reappropriations in this section are subject to the following
31 conditions and limitations:

32 (1) The reappropriations in this section are provided solely for
33 response to a statewide drought declared pursuant to chapter 43.83B
34 RCW. The department of ecology may provide funding or compensation
35 for purchase or lease of water rights and to public bodies as defined
36 in RCW 43.83B.050 in connection with projects and measures designed

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16 equitable distribution of the funds among the different sectors
17 affected by drought; a funding process that ensures funds are
18 available for drought impacts that arise both early and later during
19 the course of the drought; and preference for projects that leverage
20 other federal and local funds.

21 (3) Up to \$1,000,000 of the state drought preparedness account
22 reappropriation may be spent on early actions prior to a possible
23 drought declaration in 2016 if the department of ecology determines
24 that data indicate the 2015 drought is likely to extend into a second
25 year. If a 2016 drought declaration is not made pursuant to chapter
26 43.83B RCW by August 1, 2016, unobligated amounts of the state
27 drought preparedness account—state reappropriation must be
28 transferred to the disaster response account established in RCW
29 38.52.105.

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37 **PART III**
38 **MISCELLANEOUS**

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 301.** This act is necessary for the immediate
2 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of
3 the state government and its existing public institutions, and takes
4 effect immediately.

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