
HOUSE BILL 2294

State of Washington 68th Legislature 2024 Regular Session

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1 AN ACT Relating to the salmon recovery account; amending RCW
2 77.85.170; and creating a new section.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that state funding
5 for salmon recovery is spread across numerous agencies and multiple
6 state budgets, is dependent on many individual budget decisions, and
7 has generally lacked a dedicated fund source. A salmon recovery
8 account was created by the legislature in 1999, but was largely
9 unused in recent years until one-time funding was provided during the
10 2022 legislative session. The legislature intends to provide ongoing,
11 stable funding for the salmon recovery account. The legislature
12 intends the funding from this act to be in addition to existing
13 salmon recovery funding.

14 **Sec. 2.** RCW 77.85.170 and 1999 sp.s. c 13 s 16 are each amended
15 to read as follows:

16 The salmon recovery account is created in the state treasury.
17 Beginning July 1, 2024, and each July 1st thereafter, the state
18 treasurer must transfer \$50,000,000 from the state general fund to
19 the salmon recovery account. To the account shall be deposited such
20 funds as the legislature directs or appropriates to the account.

1 Moneys in the account may be spent only after appropriation.
2 Expenditures from the account may be used for salmon recovery
3 including, but not limited to, salmon recovery plan implementation,
4 hatchery production, harvest management, habitat restoration, and
5 salmon predator management.

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