
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2727

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By House Committee on Natural Resources & Parks (originally sponsored by Representatives King, Pruitt and Rust)

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1 AN ACT Relating to fisheries and water conservation; and amending
2 RCW 43.99E.025.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.99E.025 and 1991 c 3 s 302 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) The proceeds from the sale of the bonds deposited in the state
7 and local improvements revolving account--water supply facilities of
8 the general fund under the terms of this chapter shall be divided into
9 two shares as follows:

10 ~~((+1))~~ (a) Seventy-five million dollars, or so much thereof as may
11 be required, shall be used for domestic, municipal, and industrial
12 water supply facilities; and

13 ~~((+2))~~ (b) Fifty million dollars, or so much thereof as may be
14 required, shall be used for water supply facilities for agricultural
15 use ~~((alone or in combination with))~~ and for fishery, recreational, or
16 other beneficial uses of water in agricultural areas.

17 (2) The share of seventy-five million dollars shall be administered
18 by the department of health and the share of fifty million dollars
19 shall be administered by the department of ecology, subject to

1 legislative appropriation. The administering departments may use or
2 permit the use of any funds derived from the sale of bonds authorized
3 under this chapter to accomplish the purpose for the issuance of the
4 bonds by direct expenditures and by grants or loans to public bodies,
5 including grants to public bodies as matching funds in any case where
6 federal, local, or other funds are made available on a matching basis
7 for improvements within the purposes of this chapter.

8 (3) Proceeds under subsection (1)(b) of this section may be used
9 for funding improvements by individual landowners if the improvements
10 result in net water savings and if the savings are returned to the
11 state as trust water under chapter 90.42 RCW. Proceeds may also be
12 used for direct purchase or lease of water rights by the state for
13 management as trust water under chapter 90.42 RCW. Where feasible,
14 such water shall be used for instream flows.

15 (4) In administering proceeds under subsection (1)(b) of this
16 section, the department shall prioritize for funding those projects
17 that result in water conservation or improved water use efficiency, or
18 that benefit the fisheries resource. Grants and loans issued to public
19 bodies under this chapter for projects that result in water
20 conservation shall only be issued if a significant portion of conserved
21 water is returned to the state as trust water under chapter 90.42 RCW.
22 Where feasible, such trust water shall be used for instream flows.

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