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**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6261**

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**State of Washington**

**54th Legislature**

**1996 Regular Session**

**By** Senate Committee on Ecology & Parks (originally sponsored by Senators Fraser, Deccio, Fairley, Swecker, Spanel, McAuliffe, Hochstatter and Long)

Read first time 01/25/96.

1 AN ACT Relating to providing state funding assistance to local  
2 brownfield revitalization efforts; amending 1995 2nd sp.s. c 16 s 306  
3 (uncodified); creating a new section; and making an appropriation.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that:

6 (1) The cleanup of toxic contamination of land long devoted to  
7 industrial uses, commonly referred to as "brownfields," and the reuse  
8 of such lands for new income-producing uses has multiple benefits for  
9 residents in or near these lands and for the people of the state of  
10 Washington generally;

11 (2) These benefits include enhancing the protection of public  
12 health of residents in these areas and improving the area's  
13 environmental quality. Additionally, the economically productive reuse  
14 of such lands will provide jobs for nearby residents and assist in  
15 increasing the incomes of the community generally. These economic  
16 benefits improve the quality of lives of such residents generally and  
17 also contribute to improved public health;

18 (3) Brownfield cleanup and redevelopment also enables new  
19 businesses to take advantage of the existing infrastructure for

1 transportation, water and sewer services, electrical power, and other  
2 services, at less expense than in locating in existing rural or  
3 suburban "greenfield" areas;

4 (4) Despite these multiple benefits of brownfield redevelopment,  
5 there are many barriers to speedy cleanup and reuse, including the  
6 complexity of the regulatory laws and programs relating to cleanup, the  
7 complexity of site contaminants and uncertainty over the extent and  
8 nature of contamination, the many parties involved through ownership or  
9 interests in properties throughout a brownfield area, and the concerns  
10 and expectations of residents in brownfield communities;

11 (5) To address and overcome these barriers many communities are  
12 pursuing area-wide strategies that involve all significant interests in  
13 the area and that combine resources to address difficult regulatory and  
14 technical issues. These groups seek explicitly to put aside strict  
15 enforcement approaches to achieving cleanup of contaminated sites,  
16 instead seeking solutions with broad community support; and

17 (6) It is in the state's interest to encourage community-based  
18 strategies, consistent with adopted growth management comprehensive  
19 plans and local zoning regulations, for brownfield cleanup and  
20 redevelopment and to assist such efforts through state financial  
21 assistance and technical assistance.

22 **Sec. 2.** 1995 2nd sp.s. c 16 s 306 (uncodified) is amended to read  
23 as follows:

24 **FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY**

25 **Local toxics control account (88-2-008)**

26 \$1,000,000 of the appropriation in this section shall be expended  
27 by the department of ecology as grants to assist local governments in  
28 developing and implementing area-wide strategies for the cleanup and  
29 reuse of industrial lands. The department shall provide a priority to  
30 funding activities by local governments that were developed with and  
31 facilitate the active participation of property owners, businesses, and  
32 residents in the area, and that address industrial areas with one or  
33 more sites ranked highly under the state's hazard ranking system.

34 **Reappropriation:**

35 **Local Toxics Control Acct--**

36 **State . . . . . \$ 29,538,197**

37 **Appropriation:**

38 **Local Toxics Control Acct--**

39 **State . . . . . \$ ((42,467,860))**

40 **43,267,860**

41 **Prior Biennia (Expenditures) . . \$ 81,326,814**

42 **Future Biennia (Projected Costs) \$ 201,245,135**

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44 **TOTAL . . . . . \$ ((354,578,006))**

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