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By House Committee on Agriculture & Ecology (originally sponsored by Representatives Chandler, Linville, Koster, Doumit, Grant, Lantz, Kessler, Hatfield, Schoesler, Honeyford and Sullivan)

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1 AN ACT Relating to funding for conservation districts to address
2 nonpoint source pollution water quality problems; reenacting and
3 amending RCW 70.146.060; providing an effective date; and declaring an
4 emergency.

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

6 **Sec. 1.** RCW 70.146.060 and 1987 c 527 s 1 and 1987 c 436 s 7 are
7 each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

8 (1) During the period from July 1, ((1987)) 1997, until June 30,
9 ((1995)) 2007, the following limitation(~~s shall apply~~) applies to the
10 department's total distribution of funds appropriated from the water
11 quality account:

12 ~~((1) Not more than fifty percent for water pollution control~~
13 ~~facilities which discharge directly into marine waters;~~

14 ~~(2) Not more than twenty percent for water pollution control~~
15 ~~activities that prevent or mitigate pollution of underground waters and~~
16 ~~facilities that protect federally designated sole source aquifers with~~
17 ~~at least two-thirds for the Spokane-Rathdrum Prairie Aquifer;~~

1 ~~(3) Not more than ten percent for water pollution control~~
2 ~~activities that protect freshwater lakes and rivers including but not~~
3 ~~limited to Lake Chelan and the Yakima and Columbia rivers;~~

4 ~~(4) Not more than ten percent for activities which control nonpoint~~
5 ~~source water pollution;~~

6 ~~(5) Ten percent and such sums as may be remaining from the~~
7 ~~categories specified in subsections (1) through (4) of this section for~~
8 ~~water pollution control activities or facilities as determined by the~~
9 ~~department; and~~

10 ~~(6) Two and one half percent of the total amounts of moneys under~~
11 ~~subsections (1) through (5) of this section from February 21, 1986,~~
12 ~~until December 31, 1995, shall be appropriated biennially)) Five~~
13 ~~million dollars per biennium shall be distributed to the state~~
14 ~~conservation commission for distribution to conservation districts for~~
15 ~~the purposes of ((this chapter. Not less than ten percent of the~~
16 ~~moneys received by the state conservation commission under the~~
17 ~~provisions of this section shall be expended on research activities))~~
18 ~~addressing nonpoint source pollution water quality problems. Bonds may~~
19 ~~not be issued for the purposes of this subsection.~~

20 ~~(2) The distribution under this section shall not be required to be~~
21 ~~met in any single fiscal year.~~

22 ~~(3) Funds provided for facilities and activities under this chapter~~
23 ~~may be used for payments to a service provider under a service~~
24 ~~agreement pursuant to RCW 70.150.060. If funds are to be used for such~~
25 ~~payments, the department may make periodic disbursements to a public~~
26 ~~body or may make a single lump sum disbursement. Disbursements of~~
27 ~~funds with respect to a facility owned or operated by a service~~
28 ~~provider shall be equivalent in value to disbursements that would~~
29 ~~otherwise be made if that facility were owned or operated by a public~~
30 ~~body. Payments under this chapter for waste disposal and management~~
31 ~~facilities made to public bodies entering into service agreements~~
32 ~~pursuant to RCW 70.150.060 shall not exceed amounts paid to public~~
33 ~~bodies not entering into service agreements.~~

34 ~~NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** This act is necessary for the immediate~~
35 ~~preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the~~

1 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect
2 July 1, 1997.

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