
ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6125

State of Washington 64th Legislature 2015 1st Special Session

By Senate Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Honeyford, Keiser, and Warnick)

READ FIRST TIME 05/27/15.

1 AN ACT Relating to emergency drought response; creating new
2 sections; making appropriations; and declaring an emergency.

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

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

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

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

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

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

19 (d) "Provided solely" means the specified amount may be spent
20 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 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2. FOR THE OFFICE OF FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT—**
16 **EMERGENCY DROUGHT RESPONSE**

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

21 General Fund—State Appropriation (FY 2016). \$14,000,000

22 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3. FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY**

23 2015 Drought Emergency (92000146)

24 The appropriations in this section are subject to the following
25 conditions and limitations:

26 (1) The appropriations in this section are provided solely for
27 response to a statewide drought declared pursuant to chapter 43.83B
28 RCW. The department of ecology may provide funding or compensation
29 for purchase or lease of water rights and to public bodies as defined
30 in RCW 43.83B.050 in connection with projects and measures designed
31 to alleviate drought conditions that may affect: Public health and
32 safety; drinking water supplies; agricultural activities; or fish and
33 wildlife survival. The state taxable building construction account—
34 state appropriation must be expended for projects and activities
35 related to those projects for which the anticipated benefits exceed
36 ten years.

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

15 Appropriation:

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

22 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** This act is necessary for the immediate
23 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of
24 the state government and its existing public institutions, and takes
25 effect immediately.

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