

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**HOUSE BILL 1392**

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64th Legislature  
2015 Regular Session

RECREATION AND CONSERVATION FUNDING BOARD--GRANT PROGRAMS--  
ADMINISTRATION

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Yeas 73 Nays 24

FRANK CHOPP

**Speaker of the House of Representatives**

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Yeas 47 Nays 2

BRAD OWEN

**President of the Senate**

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JAY INSLEE

**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Barbara Baker, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **HOUSE BILL 1392** as passed by House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

BARBARA BAKER

**Chief Clerk**

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May 7, 2015

**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**

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By Representatives Stanford, Tharinger, Dunshee, and McBride; by request of Recreation and Conservation Office

Read first time 01/20/15. Referred to Committee on Capital Budget.

1 AN ACT Relating to the administrative rate the recreation and  
2 conservation funding board may retain to administer the grant  
3 programs established in chapter 79A.15 RCW; and amending RCW  
4 79A.15.030.

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

6 **Sec. 1.** RCW 79A.15.030 and 2009 c 341 s 2 are each amended to  
7 read as follows:

8 (1) Moneys appropriated for this chapter shall be divided as  
9 follows:

10 (a) Appropriations for a biennium of forty million dollars or  
11 less must be allocated equally between the habitat conservation  
12 account and the outdoor recreation account.

13 (b) If appropriations for a biennium total more than forty  
14 million dollars, the money must be allocated as follows: (i) Twenty  
15 million dollars to the habitat conservation account and twenty  
16 million dollars to the outdoor recreation account; (ii) any amount  
17 over forty million dollars up to fifty million dollars shall be  
18 allocated as follows: (A) Ten percent to the habitat conservation  
19 account; (B) ten percent to the outdoor recreation account; (C) forty  
20 percent to the riparian protection account; and (D) forty percent to  
21 the farmlands preservation account; and (iii) any amounts over fifty

1 million dollars must be allocated as follows: (A) Thirty percent to  
2 the habitat conservation account; (B) thirty percent to the outdoor  
3 recreation account; (C) thirty percent to the riparian protection  
4 account; and (D) ten percent to the farmlands preservation account.

5 (2) Except as otherwise provided in chapter 303, Laws of 2005,  
6 moneys deposited in these accounts shall be invested as authorized  
7 for other state funds, and any earnings on them shall be credited to  
8 the respective account.

9 (3) All moneys deposited in the habitat conservation, outdoor  
10 recreation, riparian protection, and farmlands preservation accounts  
11 shall be allocated as provided under RCW 79A.15.040, 79A.15.050,  
12 79A.15.120, and 79A.15.130 as grants to state or local agencies or  
13 nonprofit nature conservancy organizations or associations for  
14 acquisition, development, and renovation within the jurisdiction of  
15 those agencies, subject to legislative appropriation. The board may  
16 use or permit the use of any funds appropriated for this chapter as  
17 matching funds where federal, local, or other funds are made  
18 available for projects within the purposes of this chapter. Moneys  
19 appropriated to these accounts that are not obligated to a specific  
20 project may be used to fund projects from lists of alternate projects  
21 from the same account in biennia succeeding the biennium in which the  
22 moneys were originally appropriated.

23 (4) Projects receiving grants under this chapter that are  
24 developed or otherwise accessible for public recreational uses shall  
25 be available to the public.

26 (5) The board may make grants to an eligible project from the  
27 habitat conservation, outdoor recreation, riparian protection, and  
28 farmlands preservation accounts and any one or more of the applicable  
29 categories under such accounts described in RCW 79A.15.040,  
30 79A.15.050, 79A.15.120, and 79A.15.130.

31 (6) The board may accept private donations to the habitat  
32 conservation account, the outdoor recreation account, the riparian  
33 protection account, and the farmlands preservation account for the  
34 purposes specified in this chapter.

35 (7) The board may (~~apply up to three percent~~) retain a portion  
36 of the funds appropriated for this chapter for its office for the  
37 administration of the programs and purposes specified in this  
38 chapter. The portion of the funds retained for administration may not  
39 exceed: (a) The actual administration costs averaged over the  
40 previous five biennia as a percentage of the legislature's new

1 appropriation for this chapter; or (b) the amount specified in the  
2 appropriation, if any. Each biennium the percentage specified under  
3 (a) of this subsection must be approved by the office of financial  
4 management and submitted along with the prioritized lists of projects  
5 to be funded in RCW 79A.15.060(6), 79A.15.070(7), 79A.15.120(10), and  
6 79A.15.130(11).

7 (8) Habitat and recreation land and facilities acquired or  
8 developed with moneys appropriated for this chapter may not, without  
9 prior approval of the board, be converted to a use other than that  
10 for which funds were originally approved. The board shall adopt rules  
11 and procedures governing the approval of such a conversion.

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