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1 AN ACT Relating to disaster assistance; adding new sections to
2 chapter 38.52 RCW; creating a new section; making an appropriation;
3 providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that the state
6 must be able to immediately respond to and recover from an emergency or
7 disaster in order to protect life and property. Because of the
8 increasingly large federal financial commitment requirements placed
9 upon states requesting assistance under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster
10 Relief and Emergency Assistance Act of 1988 (P.L. 93-288), and other
11 federal emergency and disaster programs, the legislature finds that it
12 is necessary to ensure that Washington state is able to fulfill federal
13 requirements and state obligations in a timely manner.

1 that are not eligible for federal financial assistance under the
2 federal disaster relief act or other federal statutes for:

- 3 (i) Emergency measures to protect life and property;
- 4 (ii) Repair or replacement of property and facilities; or
- 5 (iii) Mitigation activities that would reduce the effects of an
6 emergency or disaster.

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** State disaster assistance fund
8 expenditures shall be supplemental to expenditures made by public
9 agencies, as defined in RCW 39.34.020, responding to and recovering
10 from emergencies and disasters in accordance with RCW 38.52.070(2) or
11 federal disaster programs.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** Funds from the disaster assistance fund
13 may be used to provide fifty percent of the nonfederal share, based on
14 federal emergency management agency or other federal agency eligible
15 cost guidelines, to public agencies, as defined in RCW 39.34.020, and
16 eligible private, nonprofit organizations, as defined by P.L. 93-288.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** This act is necessary for the immediate
18 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
19 state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take
20 effect July 1, 1991.

21 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** The sum of ten million dollars, or as
22 much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the general fund
23 to the disaster assistance fund for the biennium ending June 30, 1993,
24 to carry out the purposes of this act.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** Sections 2 through 4 of this act are
2 each added to chapter 38.52 RCW.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 8.** If any provision of this act or its
4 application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the
5 remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other
6 persons or circumstances is not affected.