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By Representatives King, Pruitt and Rust

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1 AN ACT Relating to fisheries and water conservation; and amending
2 RCW 43.99E.025.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.99E.025 and 1991 c 3 s 302 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) The proceeds from the sale of the bonds deposited in the state
7 and local improvements revolving account--water supply facilities of
8 the general fund under the terms of this chapter shall be divided into
9 two shares as follows:

10 ~~((+1))~~ (a) Seventy-five million dollars, or so much thereof as may
11 be required, shall be used for domestic, municipal, and industrial
12 water supply facilities; and

13 ~~((+2))~~ (b) Fifty million dollars, or so much thereof as may be
14 required, shall be used for water supply facilities for agricultural
15 use ~~((alone or in combination with))~~ and for fishery, recreational, or
16 other beneficial uses of water in agricultural areas.

17 (2) The share of seventy-five million dollars shall be administered
18 by the department of health and the share of fifty million dollars
19 shall be administered by the department of ecology, subject to

1 legislative appropriation. The administering departments may use or
2 permit the use of any funds derived from the sale of bonds authorized
3 under this chapter to accomplish the purpose for the issuance of the
4 bonds by direct expenditures and by grants or loans to public bodies,
5 including grants to public bodies as matching funds in any case where
6 federal, local, or other funds are made available on a matching basis
7 for improvements within the purposes of this chapter. Proceeds may be
8 used for funding improvements by individual landowners if the
9 improvements result in net water savings and if the savings are
10 returned to the state as trust water under chapter 90.42 RCW. Proceeds
11 may also be used for direct purchase or lease of water rights by the
12 state for management as trust water under chapter 90.42 RCW. Where
13 feasible, such water shall be used for instream flows.

14 (3) In administering these proceeds, the departments shall
15 prioritize for funding those projects that result in water conservation
16 or improved water use efficiency, or that benefit the fisheries
17 resource. Grants and loans issued to public bodies under this chapter
18 for projects that result in water conservation shall only be issued if
19 a significant portion of conserved water is returned to the state as
20 trust water under chapter 90.42 RCW. Where feasible, such trust water
21 shall be used for instream flows.

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