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By Representatives Buck, Linville, Pearson, B. Sullivan, Dunn, Blake, Kristiansen, Takko, Strow, Bailey, Kessler, Alexander, Armstrong, Ericksen and Haigh

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1 AN ACT Relating to providing assistance for flood damage; adding a
2 new section to chapter 43.31 RCW; creating a new section; and making an
3 appropriation.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that citizens and
6 businesses are experiencing extensive damage from winter floods. The
7 legislature further finds that federal disaster assistance programs and
8 other forms of disaster relief are not always available to assist those
9 in need. Therefore, the legislature finds that a state program for
10 flood damage assistance and relief must be created to help Washington
11 citizens and communities to protect their homes, businesses, and
12 communities.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 43.31 RCW
14 to read as follows:

15 The department of community, trade, and economic development shall
16 establish a flood damage relief program to provide financial assistance
17 to individuals, businesses, and local governments that have experienced

1 flood damage. The department shall establish criteria for awarding
2 grants for emergency repair and cleanup activities as a result of flood
3 damage. The criteria must include, but is not limited to:

- 4 (1) The availability of other sources of financial assistance
5 including other state or federal disaster assistance;
- 6 (2) The extent of the damage;
- 7 (3) Matching funds that may be available; and
- 8 (4) The financial need of the applicant.

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The sum of five million dollars, or as much
10 thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for the fiscal year ending
11 June 30, 2007, from the general fund to the department of community,
12 trade, and economic development for the purposes of this act.

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