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SENATE BILL 6058

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By Senator Swecker

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1 AN ACT Relating to the Lewis county watershed planning and economic  
2 development demonstration project; creating a new section; and making  
3 appropriations.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The sum of three hundred seventy-five  
6 thousand dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, is  
7 appropriated for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2010, from the general  
8 fund, and the sum of three hundred fifty thousand dollars, or as much  
9 thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for the fiscal year ending  
10 June 30, 2011, from the general fund, to the department of community,  
11 trade, and economic development for the purposes of developing the  
12 Lewis county watershed planning and economic development demonstration  
13 project. The purpose of the project is to identify lands and resources  
14 suitable for economic development within Lewis county and outside of  
15 the floodplains of Chehalis and Cowlitz river watersheds.

16 (a) The department shall provide up to two hundred thousand dollars  
17 of the appropriation each to the department of fish and wildlife and  
18 the department of ecology to develop a watershed characterization and

1 to conduct a local habitat assessment, develop recommendations, and  
2 provide technical assistance in support of a demonstration watershed  
3 planning and economic development project in Lewis county.

4 (b) Up to three hundred twenty-five thousand dollars of the  
5 appropriation is provided solely for a grant to Lewis county to fund  
6 development of a subarea plan, consistent with the provisions of  
7 chapter 36.70A RCW, for rural economic development that is based on the  
8 watershed characterization and local habitat assessment funded in (a)  
9 of this subsection. The department may retain no more than thirty  
10 percent for grant administration and technical assistance.

11 (2) The subarea plan funded under subsection (1)(b) of this section  
12 shall be developed by a broad-based local stakeholder group with state  
13 agency technical assistance, and shall include the following:

14 (a) A defined area or areas for future economic development outside  
15 the one hundred year floodplain. An area planned for economic  
16 development requiring urban levels of service must be designated on the  
17 land use map as an urban growth area consistent with RCW 36.70A.110;

18 (b) A defined area or areas of designated agricultural, forestry,  
19 wildlife habitat, and other critical area lands;

20 (c) Mechanisms to achieve long-term conservation of important  
21 aquatic and terrestrial resources in the subarea;

22 (d) Defined mitigation and restoration areas;

23 (e) Identification of capital facility improvements needed to  
24 implement the plan, and a plan to finance such capital facilities  
25 within projected funding capacities;

26 (f) Discussion of the relationship between the plan and other  
27 existing, adopted plans and regulations including but not limited to  
28 county and city comprehensive plans, as appropriate, critical areas and  
29 shoreline regulations, transportation, salmon recovery, watershed, and  
30 water resource inventory area plans;

31 (g) A plan for monitoring and adaptive management; and

32 (h) Adoption by the local government affected as an amendment to  
33 its comprehensive plan pursuant to chapter 36.70A RCW, after review and  
34 recommendations on the plan by a broad-based local stakeholder group.

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