



Legislation Text

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A MOTION identifying a project to be funded under the re-authorization of Public Law 106-393, Title III, the Secure Rural Schools and Self-Determination Act of 2000, and allocating to that project the Title III funds to be received from the federal government for federal fiscal years 2009 and 2010, and stating King County's election for the distribution of funds for federal fiscal year 2010.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

WHEREAS, on October 3, 2008, Congress enacted Public Law (P.L.) 110-343, which included reauthorization of and amendment to P.L.106-393, the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-determination Act of 2000, and

WHEREAS, P.L. 106-393, as amended, allows transition payments to eligible counties in covered states, referred to as the full funding amount, which are calculated as a percentage of the full funding amount for 2006, and

WHEREAS, Washington is a covered state and King County is an eligible county, and

WHEREAS, if an eligible county elects to receive the full funding amount, not less than eighty percent and not more than eighty-five percent shall be expended for schools and roads, as described in Title I, and

WHEREAS, annually the county shall decide the percentage of the full payment to be expended on Title I, and the percentages to be allocated to projects in accordance with Title II, Special Projects on Federal Lands, and Title III, county funds, with not more than seven percent of the total payment allocated to Title III, and

WHEREAS, Title III of P.L. 106-393 provides for county funds to be used to carry out activities under the Firewise Communities program, to reimburse for search and rescue and other emergency services

performed on federal land, or to develop community wildfire protection plans, and

WHEREAS, in Motion 12885, King County elected to receive the full funding amount, which election is effective for all subsequent federal fiscal years through fiscal year 2011, and

WHEREAS, in Proposed Motion 2009-0407, King County made its annual election for the allocation of the funding for federal fiscal year 2009, allocating eighty-five percent of the full funding amount to Title I, eight percent to Title II and seven percent to Title III, and

WHEREAS, seven percent of the funding amount for federal fiscal year 2009 is expected to be \$131,000 and seven percent of the funding amount for federal fiscal year 2010 is expected to be \$118,000, and

WHEREAS, the executive budget proposal for 2010 appropriates a total of \$249,000 to the water and land resources division to fund the Firewise Forests Initiative, which meets the requirements of Title III, and

WHEREAS, Title III of P.L.106-393 requires a forty-five day public comment period before approval of Title III projects by the county, and King County published descriptions of the proposed projects forty-five days before the passage of this motion;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT MOVED by the Council of King County:

A. King County hereby authorizes the use of the Title III funds to be received for federal fiscal years 2009 and 2010, expected to total \$249,000, to partially fund the Firewise Forests Initiative, in the water and land resources division forestry program, which will assist rural communities to develop Community Wildfire Protection Plans, and promote the use of practices that reduce the risk of wildfire (Attachment A).

B. King County hereby elects to allocate the full funding amount for the 2010

federal fiscal year as follows: eighty-five percent for Title I, eight percent for Title II, and seven percent for Title III.

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