



Legislation Text

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A MOTION stating King County's election for the distribution of funds for federal fiscal year 2012 under the reauthorization of P.L. 106-393, the Secure Rural Schools and Self-Determination Act of 2000, as amended, and identifying a project to be funded in 2013 under Title III of the act.

WHEREAS, on July 6, 2012, Congress enacted P.L. 112-141, which included reauthorization of an amendment to P.L. 106-393, the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-determination Act of 2000, and

WHEREAS, the act calls for counties to elect to receive either the full funding amount under Secure Rural Schools or a share of the state's twenty-five percent payment, 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 of the act, and

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

WHEREAS, Title III of the act 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, since 2008, King County has elected to receive the full funding amount and has allocated

eighty-five percent of the full funding amount to Title I of the act, eight percent to Title II of the act and seven percent to Title III of the act, and

WHEREAS, in 2006, King County initiated its Firewise Forestry Initiative, which meets the requirements of Title III of the act, and since 2010, has dedicated all of its funds authorized by Title III of the act to the initiative, and

WHEREAS, seven percent of the full funding amount for federal fiscal year 2012 is expected to be approximately twenty-five thousand dollars, and

WHEREAS, the executive budget proposal for 2013 includes an appropriation to the water and land resources division of the department of natural resources and parks to continue the Firewise Forests Initiative, and

WHEREAS, Title III of the act requires a forty-five day public comment period before approval of Title III projects by the county, and King County published a description of the proposed project forty-five days before the passage of this motion;

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

A. King County hereby elects to receive the full funding amount under Secure Rural Schools for federal fiscal year 2012 under the reauthorization of P.L. 106-393, the Secure Rural Schools and Self-Determination Act of 2000, as amended, for the 2012 federal fiscal year.

B. King County hereby elects to allocate the full funding amount as follows: eighty-five percent for Title I of the act, eight percent for Title II of the act and seven percent for Title III of the act.

C. King County hereby authorizes the use of twenty-five thousand dollars of Title III funds for continuation of 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.

Publish in official paper

45 day comment period

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