

110TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 3184

To authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to carry out a competitive grant program for the Puget Sound area to provide comprehensive conservation planning to address water quality.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 26, 2007

Mr. LARSEN of Washington (for himself, Mr. DICKS, Mr. BAIRD, Mr. INSLEE, Mr. HASTINGS of Washington, Mr. McDERMOTT, Mr. SMITH of Washington, Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS, and Mr. REICHERT) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Puget Sound Water-
5 shed Comprehensive Conservation Project Act of 2007”.

1 **SEC. 2. COMPREHENSIVE CONSERVATION PLANNING FOR**
2 **PUGET SOUND AREA.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Agriculture shall
4 carry out a competitive grant program for the Puget
5 Sound area to provide comprehensive conservation plan-
6 ning to address water quality. The Secretary shall enter
7 into cooperative agreements with State and local govern-
8 ments, Indian tribes, or non-governmental entities with a
9 history of working with agricultural producers to carry out
10 projects under the program.

11 (b) ASSISTANCE.—In carrying out the program, the
12 Secretary may—

13 (1) provide project demonstration grants, pro-
14 vide technical assistance and carry out information
15 and education programs to improve water quality in
16 the Puget Sound area by reducing soil erosion and
17 improving sediment control; and

18 (2) provide a priority for projects and activities
19 that directly reduce soil erosion or improve water
20 quality.

21 (c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
22 authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary \$5,000,000
23 for each of fiscal years 2008 through 2012 to carry out
24 the program.

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