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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 SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 7, 2007

Mrs. MURRAY (for herself and Ms. CANTWELL) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

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”.

6 **SEC. 2. COMPREHENSIVE CONSERVATION PLANNING FOR**
7 **PUGET SOUND AREA.**

8 (a) GRANT PROGRAM.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Agriculture
2 (referred to in this Act as the “Secretary”) shall
3 carry out a competitive grant program for the Puget
4 Sound area to provide comprehensive conservation
5 planning to address water quality.

6 (2) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS.—The Sec-
7 retary shall enter into cooperative agreements with
8 State and local governments, Indian tribes, or non-
9 governmental entities with a history of working with
10 agricultural producers to carry out projects under
11 the program.

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

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

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

22 (c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
23 authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary \$5,000,000

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- 1 for each of fiscal years 2008 through 2012 to carry out
- 2 the program.

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