CHAPTER 260.
[S. B. 244.]

COLUMBIA BASIN IRRIGATION PROJECT.

An Act relating to the Columbia Basin Irrigation Project, defining the powers and duties of certain officers in relation thereto, making appropriations, and declaring that this act shall take effect immediately.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

Section 1. It shall be the duty of the director of conservation and development during the year 1927, and with all convenient speed, for the purpose of furnishing the United States department of reclamation, the war department of the United States, the members of the Columbia Basin Allocation Commission, for the purposes of reaching an agreement between the states of Oregon, Idaho, Montana and Washington in the allocation of the waters of the Columbia River and its tributaries, to cause the investigations and reports hereinafter provided for, to be made.

Sec. 2. For investigations and reports upon possible power developments, their uses and control in connection with the Columbia Basin irrigation project, together with the control and regulation of stream flow as it affects navigation and irrigation in the states of Oregon, Idaho, Montana and Washington; and for the purpose of making surveys and estimates of damages to lands bordering on Clark's Fork of the Columbia River, Priest Lake, the Pend Oreille River and Lake Pend Oreille, in the state of Idaho, by the construction of a dam at Albany Falls in the state of Idaho, and the storing of waters at different elevations in Lake Pend Oreille and Priest Lake in the state of Idaho, and the working out of tentative plans for the protection of property bor-
dering said stream and lakes in case of a change in
the elevation of waters of said lakes by creating
storage reservoirs for the Columbia Basin irriga-
tion project, there is hereby re-appropriated from
the reclamation revolving fund in the state treasury
for the biennium ending March 31, 1929, the sum of
fifteen thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may
be necessary.

For the purpose of making investigations, out-
lining a plan and starting the formation of an irri-
gation district for the Columbia Basin irrigation
project there is hereby appropriated from the re-
clamation revolving fund in the state treasury for
the biennium ending March 31, 1929, the sum of five
thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be ne-
cessary.

For the purpose of investigation of the seven res-
ervoir and dam sites in the State of Washington
which were suggested in the report of the Columbia
Basin board of engineers, and such other sites as
have come to the attention of the director of con-
servation and development, including drilling opera-
tions, to be used in connection with the Columbia
Basin irrigation project, there is hereby appro-
piated from the reclamation revolving fund in the
state treasury for the biennium ending March 31,
1929, the sum of thirty-five thousand dollars, or so
much thereof as may be necessary.

SEC. 3. This act is necessary for the immediate
preservation of the public peace, health and safety,
the support of the state government and its existing
public institutions, and shall take effect immediately.

Passed the Senate February 24, 1927.
Passed the House March 8, 1927.

Approved by the Governor, with the exception of
the two items, which are vetoed, March 21, 1927.