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By House Committee on Natural Resources & Parks (originally sponsored by Representatives Basich, Hargrove, Riley, Jacobsen, Morris, Sheldon, Wood, P. Johnson and Jones).

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1 AN ACT Relating to a Washington coastal resources center; creating
2 new sections; and making an appropriation.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature recognizes that recent
5 changes in the management of natural resources have had profound
6 effects on communities dependent on these resources. The economies of
7 these communities, especially those in coastal Washington, face a
8 unique set of problems that require a multifaceted approach if they are
9 to be solved.

10 The legislature also recognizes that educational opportunities in
11 coastal resource protection and management are essential to adequately
12 protect and manage these resources and that development of related
13 programs and facilities may be one of several components that can
14 contribute to the well-being of resource-dependent local economies.

1 It is the intent of the legislature that there be an in-depth
2 examination of needs and opportunities for education and research on
3 coastal resources and that the role and need for additional facilities
4 to support this education and research be determined.

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) As part of its ocean resources
6 program, the Olympic natural resources center of the University of
7 Washington, under the direction of the center's policy board, shall
8 conduct a study to:

9 (a) Identify at-risk coastal resources in southwest Washington and
10 on the Olympic Peninsula;

11 (b) Identify opportunities for research and education to maintain
12 or improve the at-risk resources identified in subsection (1) of this
13 section; and

14 (c) Determine what types of facilities may be needed to pursue the
15 opportunities identified in subsection (2) of this section. In making
16 such determination, the center shall:

17 (i) Identify existing facilities and include an assessment of how
18 these facilities can be used to meet identified needs; and

19 (ii) Determine the need for additional facilities, describe the
20 nature of such facilities, where they should be located, how they would
21 function, and how they could complement existing facilities.

22 (2) In conducting the study the center shall:

23 (a) Consult with existing coastal resources-related programs
24 including, but not limited to, those at Grays Harbor Community College
25 and Peninsula Community College;

26 (b) Seek public input, through public meetings, in coastal
27 communities; and

28 (c) Consult with appropriate state and federal agencies.

1 (3) The study shall be submitted to the governor and the
2 appropriate committees of the legislature by September 1, 1992.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The sum of thirty thousand dollars, or
4 as much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for the biennium
5 ending June 30, 1993, from the general fund to the University of
6 Washington, for the purpose of conducting the study described in
7 section 2 of this act.