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HOUSE BILL 2826

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1 AN ACT Relating to funding for the acquisition of critical outdoor  
2 recreation property; amending 1991 sp.s. c 14 s 26 (uncodified); adding  
3 new sections to chapter 43.98A RCW; creating a new section; making an  
4 appropriation; and declaring an emergency.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that the  
7 acquisition of critical recreational properties is necessary to meet  
8 the goals of the 1990 legislation providing for the purchase of lands  
9 for habitat conservation and outdoor recreation. This legislation  
10 created a deliberative process for identifying lands to be purchased  
11 and added to the state's publicly owned recreation properties.

12 The 1990 legislation did not clearly provide for circumstances  
13 when, in order to prevent development, lands must be purchased quickly.

1 Such a situation is imminent within the perimeter of Larrabee State  
2 Park.

3 The legislature finds that immediate action is necessary to acquire  
4 lands abutting Larrabee State Park. This is Washington's oldest state  
5 park, having been established in 1915. It has been expanded through  
6 the trust land transfer program enacted in 1991. This addition  
7 increased the park acreage from roughly two thousand acres to two  
8 thousand five hundred acres. There is now an opportunity to acquire  
9 privately owned lands in the center and north end of the park totaling  
10 one thousand two hundred acres. This acreage is now planned to be  
11 developed for residential use. If such development were to occur, it  
12 would drastically alter the natural state of the park and surrounding  
13 public lands.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 43.98A RCW  
15 to read as follows:

16 The department of natural resources and the state parks and  
17 recreation commission shall work with local governmental entities and  
18 private interests to convert one thousand two hundred acres on  
19 Chuckanut Hill to public ownership for park and recreational use.

20 **Sec. 3.** 1991 sp.s. c 14 s 26 (uncodified) is amended to read as  
21 follows:

22 **FOR THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION: TIMBERLAND PURCHASES AND**  
23 **COMMON SCHOOL PURCHASES**

24 The appropriation in this section is subject  
25 to the following conditions and limitations:

26 (1) This appropriation is provided to the  
27 state parks and recreation commission  
28 ("commission") solely to acquire trust lands that  
29 have been identified by the department of natural  
30 resources ("department") as appropriate for state  
31 park use and development. Except as specifically

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1 otherwise provided in this section, the  
2 commission shall acquire the following parcels:

3 (a) Lord Hill, in Snohomish county, west of  
4 Monroe;

5 (b) Beacon Rock, in Skamania county,  
6 adjacent to Beacon Rock State Park;

7 (c) Larrabee Addition, (1 and 2) in Whatcom  
8 county, northeast of Larrabee State Park and  
9 Chuckanut Mountain;

10 (d) South Whidbey, in Island county,  
11 adjacent to South Whidbey State Park;

12 (e) Wallace Falls Addition, in Snohomish  
13 county, adjacent to Wallace Falls State Park;

14 (f) Soleduck corridor, in Clallam county, on  
15 the Soleduck river at Sappho;

16 (g) Dugualia Bay property, in Island county,  
17 on the northeast shore of Whidbey Island;

18 (h) Rasar property, in Skagit county, west  
19 of Birdsvie, near the Skagit river;

20 (i) Wallace Falls Addition (Northwest)  
21 property, in Snohomish county, adjacent to the  
22 northwestern side of the designated park  
23 property;

24 (j) Wallace Falls Addition (Southwest)  
25 property, in Snohomish county, adjacent to the  
26 southwestern side of Wallace Falls State Park;

27 (k) Hoypus Hill in Island county south of  
28 Hoypus Point Natural Forest Area at Deception  
29 Pass State Park;

30 (l) Lake Easton in Easton in Kittitas county  
31 west of Lake Easton State park near the town of  
32 Easton;

33 (m) Diamond Point, in Clallam county, on the  
34 Strait of Juan de Fuca; ((and))

35 (n) Skykomish river property, along Highway  
36 2, near Index; and

37 (o) Chuckanut Hill property within and abutting  
38 Larrabee State Park.

39 (2) The commission may expend moneys from  
40 this appropriation for acquisition of the  
41 Skykomish river property under subsection (1)(n)  
42 of this section only to the extent that moneys  
43 remain available after the commission has made  
44 all reasonable efforts to acquire the other  
45 properties identified in this subsection.

46 (3) To achieve the purposes of this section,  
47 intergrant exchanges between common school trust  
48 lands and parcels of noncommon school trust lands  
49 shall occur on an equal-value basis.

50 (4) Proceeds from the transfer of the timber  
51 shall be deposited by the department in the same  
52 manner as timber revenues from other common  
53 school trust lands. No deduction may be made for  
54 the resource management cost account under RCW  
55 79.64.040. The proceeds from the transfer of the  
56 land shall be used by the department to acquire  
57 timber land of equal value to be managed as

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1 common school trust land and to maintain a  
2 sustainable yield.

3 (5) The department shall attempt to maintain  
4 an aggregate ratio of approximately 85:15 timber-  
5 to-land value in these transactions. If the  
6 aggregate value of timber-to-land varies by more  
7 than plus or minus five percent of that ratio,  
8 individual land acquisitions may be dropped in  
9 order to maintain the approximate ratio.

10 (6) It is the intent of the legislature  
11 that, insofar as feasible, the full parcels  
12 identified in subsection (1) of this section be  
13 acquired for park purposes. However, to the  
14 extent authorized by the commission, the  
15 boundaries of the Diamond Point property under  
16 subsection (1)(m) of this section may vary from  
17 the property boundaries as described in the joint  
18 study conducted by the commission and the  
19 department under section 4, chapter 163, Laws of  
20 1985.

21 (7) Five hundred thousand dollars of the  
22 appropriation in this section shall be spent to  
23 begin the purchase of the Chuckanut Hill property  
24 abutting Larrabee State Park.

25	<b>Appropriation:</b>		
26	<b>St Bldg Constr Acct . . . . .</b>	<b>\$(50,000,000)</b>	
27			<b><u>50,500,000</u></b>
28	Prior Biennia (Expenditures) . . . . .	\$	0
29	Future Biennia (Projected Costs) . . . . .	\$	0
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31	TOTAL . . . . .	<b>\$(50,000,000)</b>	
32			<b><u>50,500,000</u></b>

33 NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. A new section is added to chapter 43.98A RCW  
34 to read as follows:

35 Subject to this chapter, and approval of the Chuckanut Hill  
36 acquisition by the interagency commission for outdoor recreation and  
37 the governor, the legislature hereby approves the expenditure of up to  
38 five hundred thousand dollars allocated from funds reserved by RCW  
39 43.98A.050(1)(e). This represents approval as required by RCW  
40 43.98A.080.

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1        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 5.**        This act is necessary for the immediate  
2 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the  
3 state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take  
4 effect immediately.