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3 On page 1, strike everything after the enacting clause and
4 insert the following:

5 **"NEW SECTION.** **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that:

6 (1) In times of decreasing revenues and increasing demands, it
7 is critically important to ensure the efficient use of scarce
8 financial resources by avoiding overlap and duplication of effort
9 among watershed-based planning efforts;

10 (2) Comprehensive planning for the management of natural
11 resources on a watershed basis is desirable because it has the
12 potential to address multiple concerns in an integrated and
13 efficient manner;

14 (3) Implementation of watershed-based planning may be
15 complicated by multiple land ownerships, different management
16 missions and objectives, different ways of collecting information,
17 and legal constraints such as federal and state antitrust statutes;

18 (4) Many different entities, including federal, state, and
19 local governments, tribes, and landowners are already conducting
20 watershed-based planning, research, and monitoring programs;

21 (5) There exists a compelling need for coordination of these
22 various watershed-based planning efforts and for a consistent
23 process for collecting and sharing information and data among all
24 interested parties; and

25 (6) There also exists a compelling need to identify regional
26 natural resource goals and objectives as a clear direction for
27 future planning efforts.

28 **NEW SECTION.** **Sec. 2.** (1) State agencies involved in
29 watershed-based natural resource planning efforts shall coordinate
30 their planning and implementation processes. These cooperating

1 state agencies shall include, but not be limited to, the
2 departments of natural resources, agriculture, ecology, fish and
3 wildlife, health, and community, trade, and economic development;
4 the Puget Sound water quality authority; and the office of the
5 governor. These agencies will meet as a group and include at those
6 meetings representatives of federal agencies, local governments,
7 tribes, private landowners, environmental groups, and other
8 interested parties.

9 (2) The commissioner of public lands shall coordinate
10 discussions of watershed-based natural resource planning among
11 these various parties. The department of natural resources will
12 provide a reasonable level of staff support for the work of the
13 group.

14 (3) On or before December 15, 1994, the department of natural
15 resources shall prepare a report for the legislature based on the
16 group's discussions and findings. At a minimum this report shall
17 include:

18 (a) Identification of barriers to coordination and cooperation
19 in watershed-based planning and management of natural resources;

20 (b) Recommendations on the collection, storage, and
21 maintenance of information in watershed analysis, planning,
22 monitoring, and research programs. These recommendations could
23 lead to the establishment of protocols governing data collection
24 and information exchange;

25 (c) Identification of actual and potential overlap and
26 duplication of effort in watershed-based natural resource planning
27 efforts;

28 (d) Identification of gaps of coverage in existing and
29 proposed watershed planning projects; and

30 (e) Examination of the possible establishment of a central
31 depository and of a process for periodically updating and
32 distributing information on watershed-based natural resource
33 planning efforts.

1 **NEW SECTION.** **Sec. 3.** The governor shall establish a process
2 which yields: (1) the identification of strategies for developing
3 cooperative watershed-based planning efforts, which shall in turn
4 lead to identification of regional, results-oriented goals and
5 objectives for the management of natural resources in the state of
6 Washington; (2) the identification of approaches for coordinating
7 and financing the implementation of watershed-based plans; and (3)
8 recommendations for on-going, program-level coordination of
9 watershed-based natural resource planning and management
10 activities.. In developing this process, the legislature
11 encourages the governor to seek input from all interested parties.
12 By December 15, 1995, the governor shall submit his recommendations
13 to the legislature for possible adoption as state policy."