
SECOND SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6227

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By Senate Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senator Jacobsen)

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1 AN ACT Relating to strengthening Washington's outer coast marine
2 resources committees; amending RCW 36.125.020; adding a new section to
3 chapter 36.125 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that Washington's
6 coastal and ocean resources provide vital economic, recreation,
7 transportation, and cultural benefits to the state. The legislature
8 seeks to continue recent state and local efforts to preserve and
9 enhance the state's coastal and ocean resources, such as the work of
10 the Washington ocean policy work group and the state's existing marine
11 resources committees.

12 The legislature finds that outer coast marine resources committees,
13 authorized by the legislature in 2007, provide a mechanism for
14 communities to discuss and develop solutions for the issues facing
15 coastal resources and communities. However, additional state
16 investments are necessary to allow outer coast marine resources
17 committees to fulfill their full potential. Therefore, the legislature
18 intends by this act to provide additional support and resources for

1 outer coast marine resources committees in order to benefit the coastal
2 and ocean resources of Washington.

3 **Sec. 2.** RCW 36.125.020 and 2007 c 344 s 3 are each amended to read
4 as follows:

5 (1) A marine resources committee, as described in RCW 36.125.010,
6 may be created by the legislative authority of any county bordering the
7 marine waters of the outer coast or Puget Sound, in cooperation with
8 all appropriate cities and special districts within their boundaries.
9 Adjacent county legislative authorities shall coordinate their efforts
10 whenever there is a mutual interest in creating a marine resources
11 committee.

12 (2) A county may delegate the management and oversight of a marine
13 resources committee created by the county under RCW 36.125.010 to a
14 city, or cities, within its jurisdiction, if the city or cities are
15 located on the marine waters of the outer coast or southern Puget Sound
16 and are willing to accept the delegation.

17 (3)(a) Participating county legislative authorities must select
18 members of the marine resources committee, ensuring balanced
19 representation from: Local government; local residents; scientific
20 experts; affected economic interests; affected recreational interests;
21 and environmental and conservation interests. Additionally,
22 participating county legislative authorities must invite tribal
23 representatives to participate in the marine resources committee.

24 (b) In lieu of creating a new entity, participating county
25 legislative authorities may designate a lead entity created under RCW
26 77.85.050 to also serve as a marine resources committee. County
27 legislative authorities may only make this designation where the lead
28 entity consents in writing to also serve as a marine resources
29 committee.

30 (c) An initiating county may delegate its appointment authority to
31 a city or cities that have received from the county the delegated
32 responsibilities of managing and overseeing the marine resources
33 committee.

34 (4) County residents may petition the county legislative authority
35 to create a marine resources committee. Upon receipt of a petition,
36 the county legislative authority must respond in writing within sixty

1 days as to whether they will authorize the creation of a marine
2 resources committee as well as the reasons for their decision.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 36.125 RCW
4 to read as follows:

5 (1) The outer coast marine resources committee program is created
6 to provide support for the development, administration, and
7 coordination of outer coast marine resources committees and their
8 projects.

9 (2) The director of fish and wildlife is the administrator of the
10 outer coast marine resources committee program. As the administrator
11 of the program, the director of fish and wildlife shall:

12 (a) Provide each outer coast marine resources committee with a
13 coordinator to support the administration and work of the committee;
14 and

15 (b) Distribute grants to outer coast marine resources committees
16 for projects that benefit Washington's coastal marine resources. The
17 director of fish and wildlife shall develop procedures and criteria for
18 allocating funds for projects, which may include annual allocation of
19 funding to each committee.

20 (3) Each outer coast marine resources committee shall prepare and
21 deliver an annual report to the director of fish and wildlife by
22 October 31st of each year. The report must include, but is not limited
23 to, a summary of actions taken that year and prioritized
24 recommendations for future action. The director of fish and wildlife
25 shall compile the individual outer coast marine resources committee
26 reports into a consolidated report, and provide the consolidated report
27 to the governor and appropriate committees of the legislature by
28 December 31st of each year.

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