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By Senators Fraser, Carrell, and Conway

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1 AN ACT Relating to the future of McNeil Island report; creating a
2 new section; and making an appropriation.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The office of financial management shall
5 prepare a report to be used to initiate a comprehensive, long-range
6 planning process for the future of McNeil Island during the 2013-2015
7 biennium.

8 (2) The report on the initiation of the process must, at a minimum,
9 include three parts:

10 (a) Resolution of ownership issues. The first part of the report
11 must provide information on resolution of ownership issues, and must
12 include, but not be limited to:

13 (i) Consultation with the federal government about its current
14 legal requirements associated with the island, its views about
15 potential future uses of the island, and its potential willingness to
16 transfer the land to state or tribal ownership;

17 (ii) Ownership inventory of developed land; undeveloped land; open
18 space and tidelands, with respect to their ecological and biological

1 significance; and buildings and structures, together with restrictions,
2 reversionary interests, and other limitations;

3 (iii) A description of the federal and state decision-making
4 processes that would need to be followed to achieve a change of use or
5 ownership.

6 (b) Data and inventory information. The second part of the report
7 must be composed of a compilation of relevant data and inventory
8 information important to conducting the future long-range comprehensive
9 planning process, and must include, but not be limited to:

10 (i) Ownership of property and facilities currently associated with
11 transportation to and from McNeil Island;

12 (ii) Identification of potential tribal treaty interests in lands
13 and immediately surrounding waters and tidelands;

14 (iii) A description of the significance of the island and
15 surrounding waters, tidelands, and bedlands as a strategic resource for
16 protection and enhancement of south Puget Sound water quality and
17 marine resources;

18 (iv) Inventory of habitat protection areas, together with
19 management responsibilities for them, and potential future additions;

20 (v) Information from the department of social and health services
21 and Pierce county about land use and public safety needs;

22 (vi) Preliminary inventory of potential recreational opportunities
23 for the general public;

24 (vii) Preliminary inventory of historic and archaeological
25 resources which might be considered for protection and interpretation,
26 including tribal and nontribal grave sites; and

27 (viii) Preliminary identification of potential revenue sources for
28 potential future uses of the island.

29 (c) Development and recommendation for a comprehensive, long-range
30 planning process. The third part of the report must contain options
31 for, and a recommendation for convening an open, inclusive process for
32 the development of a comprehensive plan for the future of the island
33 and associated tidelands, shorelands, and bedlands associated with it,
34 including compatibility with surrounding areas. The recommended
35 planning process must, at a minimum, assure inclusion of the following:

36 (i) Use of information developed pursuant to (a) and (b) of this
37 subsection (2);

38 (ii) Availability of relevant scientific and technical information;

1 (iii) Full recognition and consideration of the strategic
2 importance of the island and surrounding marine waters to south Puget
3 Sound health and recovery;

4 (iv) Identification of priority recreation opportunities for the
5 public;

6 (v) Identification of funding needs for various existing and
7 proposed uses together with potential revenue sources;

8 (vi) Development of recommendations concerning whether a change in
9 ownership of the property should be sought, together with options for
10 such potential change;

11 (vii) Development of recommendations to meet short and long-range
12 public safety and security needs;

13 (viii) Development of recommendations for priority habitat
14 protection, including coordination with existing habitat protection
15 areas, Puget Sound recovery plans, and future management of the
16 proposed Nisqually reach aquatic reserve currently being developed;

17 (ix) Development of recommendations for historic, archaeological,
18 architecture, and art preservation and interpretation, including
19 special consideration of native and nonnative grave sites, and
20 consultation with the McNeil Island historical society; and

21 (x) Identification of potential economic uses compatible with
22 habitat, recreation, and historic and archaeological preservation uses.

23 (3) The office of financial management may use its own staff, other
24 public agency and tribal staff, or contract for services, and may
25 create a work group of knowledgeable agencies, organizations, and
26 individuals to assist in preparing the report.

27 (4) The office of financial management shall engage in broad
28 consultation with interested parties including, but not limited to:

29 (a) Federal agencies with relevant responsibilities;

30 (b) Tribal governments;

31 (c) State agencies;

32 (d) Local governments and communities in the area, including the
33 Anderson Island community, Steilacoom, and Pierce county; and

34 (e) Interested private organizations and individuals.

35 (5) The report must be submitted to the governor and appropriate
36 committees of the legislature by October 1, 2012.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** There is appropriated to the office of
2 financial management from the aquatic lands enhancement account the sum
3 of one hundred thousand dollars for the fiscal year ending June 30,
4 2012, to accomplish the purposes set forth in section 1 of this act.

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