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**ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5947**

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**State of Washington 65th Legislature 2017 3rd Special Session**

**By** Senate Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senator Pearson)

AN ACT Relating to the Columbia river salmon and steelhead endorsement program; amending RCW 77.12.712; amending 2016 c 223 ss 7, 8, and 9 (uncodified); and declaring an emergency.

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

**Sec.**  2016 c 223 s 7 (uncodified) is amended to read as follows:

Sections 2 through 6 of this act expire June 30, ((~~2017~~)) 2019.

**Sec.**  2016 c 223 s 8 (uncodified) is amended to read as follows:

Section 14 of this act expires June 30, ((~~2017~~)) 2019.

**Sec.**  2016 c 223 s 9 (uncodified) is amended to read as follows:

Sections 1 through 5 of this act expire June 30, ((~~2017~~)) 2019.

**Sec.**  RCW 77.12.712 and 2016 c 223 s 1 are each amended to read as follows:

The department shall create and administer a Columbia river recreational salmon and steelhead endorsement program. The program must facilitate continued and, to the maximum extent possible, improved recreational salmon and steelhead selective fishing opportunities on the Columbia river and its tributaries by supplementing the resources available to the department to carry out the scientific monitoring and evaluation, data collection, permitting, reporting, enforcement, and other activities necessary to provide such opportunities. Program funds may not be used to acquire land.

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect immediately.

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