
HOUSE BILL 1389

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1 AN ACT Relating to aquatic plants; adding new sections to chapter
2 43.21A RCW; adding a new section to chapter 46.16 RCW; creating a new
3 section; and making an appropriation.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature hereby finds that
6 eurasian water milfoil and other aquatic weeds can adversely affect
7 fish populations, reduce habitat for desirable plant and wildlife
8 species, and decrease public recreational opportunities. The
9 legislature further finds that the spread of aquatic weeds is a state-
10 wide problem and requires a coordinated response among state agencies,
11 local governments, and the public. It is therefore the intent of the
12 legislature to establish a funding source to reduce the propagation of
13 eurasian water milfoil and other aquatic weeds and to manage the
14 problems created by such aquatic plants.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 43.21A RCW
2 to read as follows:

3 The aquatic weeds account is hereby created in the state treasury.
4 Expenditures from this account may only be used as provided in section
5 4 of this act. All earnings from the investment of balances in the
6 aquatic weeds account, except as provided in RCW 43.84.090, shall be
7 deposited into the aquatic weeds account. Moneys in the account may be
8 spent only after appropriation.

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 46.16 RCW
10 to read as follows:

11 In addition to the fee required in RCW 46.16.065, private passenger
12 car one or two-wheel trailers of two thousand pounds gross weight or
13 less, shall annually pay a fee of three dollars. The proceeds of this
14 fee shall be deposited in the aquatic weeds account under section 2 of
15 this act.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** A new section is added to chapter 43.21A RCW
17 to read as follows:

18 Funds in the aquatic weeds account may be appropriated to the
19 department of ecology to develop a coordinated lake management program
20 to:

21 (1) Develop public education programs relating to preventing the
22 propagation and spread of aquatic weeds;

23 (2) Issue grants to state agencies and local government to remove,
24 reduce, or manage aquatic weeds;

25 (3) Provide technical assistance to local governments, citizen
26 groups, property owners, and lake management districts; and

27 (4) Fund demonstration or pilot projects consistent with the
28 purposes of this section.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** The sum of one million five hundred
2 thousand dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, is
3 appropriated for the biennium ending June 30, 1993, from the aquatic
4 weeds account to the department of ecology for the purposes of section
5 4 of this act.