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5 On page 2, after line 2, insert the following:

6 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) There is created the joint select
7 committee on natural area preserves. The joint select committee shall
8 consist of six members, three members from the house of representatives
9 and three members from the senate. The speaker of the house of
10 representatives shall appoint the house of representatives members,
11 appointing at least one member from each caucus. The president of the
12 senate shall appoint the senate members, appointing at least one member
13 from each caucus. The committee shall choose a chair and vice-chair
14 from among its membership.

15 (2) The committee shall conduct a broad review of the natural area
16 preserve program. The committee's review shall include but not be
17 limited to:

18 (a) A review of the current statutes in chapter 79.70 RCW and of
19 the original intent of the legislation creating chapter 79.70 RCW;

20 (b) A review of the existing rules formulated under chapter 79.70
21 RCW and an analysis of the extent to which the rules properly comply
22 with the original legislative intent;

23 (c) An evaluation of what the programs established by chapter 79.70
24 RCW have accomplished and whether these accomplishments are consistent
25 with the original intent of the legislation;

26 (d) Identification of opportunities to provide better public notice
27 regarding any future natural area preserves, including notice of when
28 an area is being considered for designation as a natural area preserve,
29 notice of when the department of natural resources is considering
30 acquiring land for a preserve, and notice and solicitation of public
31 input when the department of natural resources is developing a
32 management plan for a preserve;

33 (e) An evaluation of how natural area preserve designation has
34 interfered with or otherwise impacted neighboring property owners;

1 (f) An evaluation of whether to expand public activities such as
2 hunting and fishing within some or all natural area preserves and a
3 recommendation on how such an expansion might be accomplished; and

4 (g) Other study elements identified by the committee.

5 (3) The joint select committee shall be staffed by senate committee
6 services and the house of representatives office of program research.

7 (4) The joint select committee shall complete its analysis and
8 report its recommendations to the legislature by December 1, 1997.

9 (5) The joint select committee expires April 1, 1998."

10 Correct the title.

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