

2 **ESSB 6061** - H AMD TO H AMD (H-3147.6/97)**645 ADOPTED 4-18-97**  
3 By Representative K. Schmidt

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5 On page 20, after line 11 of the amendment, insert the following:

6 "(9) The motor vehicle fund--state appropriation in this section  
7 includes \$150,000 to establish a wetland mitigation pilot project.  
8 This appropriation may only be expended if the department of  
9 transportation establishes a technical committee to better implement  
10 the department's strategic plan. The technical committee shall  
11 include, but is not limited to, cities, counties, environmental groups,  
12 business groups, tribes, the Puget Sound action team, and the state  
13 departments of ecology, fish and wildlife, and community, trade, and  
14 economic development, and appropriate federal agencies. The committee  
15 shall assist the department in implementing its wetland strategic plan,  
16 including working to eliminate barriers to improved wetland and  
17 watershed management. To this end, the technical committee shall: (a)  
18 Work to facilitate sharing of agency environmental data, including  
19 evaluation of off-site and out-of-kind mitigation options; (b) develop  
20 agreed-upon guidance that will enable the preservation of wetlands that  
21 are under imminent threat from development for use as an acceptable  
22 mitigation option; (c) develop strategies that will facilitate the  
23 implementation of mitigation banking, including developing mechanisms  
24 for valuing and transferring credits; (d) provide input in the  
25 development of wetland functions assessment protocols related to  
26 transportation projects; (e) develop incentives for interagency  
27 participation in joint mitigation projects within watersheds; and (f)  
28 explore options for funding environmental mitigation strategies. The  
29 department shall prepare an annual report to the legislative  
30 transportation committee and legislative natural resources committees  
31 on recommendations developed by the technical committee."

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