

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 3110**

55th Legislature  
1998 Regular Session

Passed by the House February 13, 1998  
Yeas 96 Nays 0

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**Speaker of the  
House of Representatives**

Passed by the Senate March 12, 1998  
Yeas 47 Nays 0

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**President of the Senate**

Approved

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**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Timothy A. Martin, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 3110** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

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**Chief Clerk**

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**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**

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**By** House Committee on Transportation Policy & Budget (originally sponsored by Representatives Mastin, Buck and K. Schmidt)

Read first time 02/09/98. Referred to Committee on .

1            AN ACT Relating to environmental mitigation of transportation  
2 projects; amending RCW 47.12.330; and creating new sections.

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

4            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that fish passage,  
5 fish habitat, wetlands, and flood management are critical issues in the  
6 effective management of watersheds in Washington. The legislature also  
7 finds that the state of Washington invests a considerable amount of  
8 resources on environmental mitigation activities related to fish  
9 passage, fish habitat, wetlands, and flood management. The department  
10 of transportation's advanced environmental mitigation revolving account  
11 established under RCW 47.12.340, is a key funding component in bringing  
12 environmental mitigation together with comprehensive watershed  
13 management.

14            **Sec. 2.** RCW 47.12.330 and 1997 c 140 s 2 are each amended to read  
15 as follows:

16            For the purpose of environmental mitigation of transportation  
17 projects, the department may acquire or develop, or both acquire and  
18 develop, environmental mitigation sites in advance of the construction

1 of programmed projects. The term "advanced environmental mitigation"  
2 means mitigation of adverse impacts upon the environment from  
3 transportation projects before their design and construction. Advanced  
4 environmental mitigation consists of the acquisition of property; the  
5 acquisition of property, water, or air rights; the development of  
6 property for the purposes of improved environmental management;  
7 engineering costs necessary for such purchase and development; and the  
8 use of advanced environmental mitigation sites to fulfill project  
9 environmental permit requirements. Advanced environmental mitigation  
10 must be conducted in a manner that is consistent with the definition of  
11 mitigation found in the council of environmental quality regulations  
12 (40 C.F.R. Sec. 1508.20) and the governor's executive order on wetlands  
13 (EO 90-04). Advanced environmental mitigation is for projects approved  
14 by the transportation commission as part of the state's six-year plan  
15 or included in the state highway system plan. Advanced environmental  
16 mitigation must give consideration to activities related to fish  
17 passage, fish habitat, wetlands, and flood management. Advanced  
18 environmental mitigation may also be conducted in partnership with  
19 federal, state, or local government agencies, tribal governments,  
20 interest groups, or private parties. Partnership arrangements may  
21 include joint acquisition and development of mitigation sites,  
22 purchasing and selling mitigation bank credits among participants, and  
23 transfer of mitigation site title from one party to another. Specific  
24 conditions of partnership arrangements will be developed in written  
25 agreements for each applicable environmental mitigation site.

26 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** Flood management and flood hazard reduction  
27 pilot projects are established. The department of transportation shall  
28 convene, in cooperation with the department of ecology, a technical  
29 committee of applicable state agencies and local and tribal governments  
30 to establish guidance for expenditures related to flood management and  
31 flood hazard reduction projects receiving advanced environmental  
32 mitigation funding. The technical committee shall identify  
33 opportunities for coordination on flood-related issues and report to  
34 the appropriate legislative committees by December 1, 1998.

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