
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6231

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By Senate Committee on Natural Resources & Parks (originally sponsored by Senators Hargrove, Anderson, Snyder, Swecker, T. Sheldon, Oke and Goings)

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1 AN ACT Relating to natural area preserves; and creating new
2 sections.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** There is a two-year moratorium on the
5 expansion of any existing natural area preserves or the creation of any
6 new natural area preserves under chapter 79.70 RCW except for any
7 current, ongoing land purchase negotiations or acquisitions involving
8 land in Kitsap county and King county.

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The senate natural resources and parks
10 committee and the ways and means committee, the house of
11 representatives natural resources committee, in concert with all
12 relevant agencies and interested groups shall study the following
13 aspects of the natural area preserves program created under chapter
14 79.70 RCW:

- 15 (1) The goals of the program;
16 (2) The cost of the program;
17 (3) The adequacy of the current natural area preserve lands for
18 scientific studies;

- 1 (4) Department of natural resources goals and costs;
- 2 (5) Public use issues;
- 3 (6) The cost of personnel and equipment to ensure that the public
4 is not allowed access;
- 5 (7) How many natural area preserves, specified by environmental
6 area, are left to be put into the program, and the cost of the proposed
7 land and future management costs;
- 8 (8) Sources of continued maintenance funding, including funding
9 from users including K-12 educational programs and higher education
10 institutions;
- 11 (9) The criteria used to ensure that environmental areas are not
12 duplicated; and
- 13 (10) The adequacy of the public's and local government's input
14 concerning the selection of lands to be designated as natural area
15 preserves.
- 16 The study required under this section shall be submitted to the
17 legislature by November 1, 2000.

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