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

Brief Title: Limiting the near-term growth of the natural area
preserve program, and providing for a study of the program.

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(AS OF SENATE 2ND READING 2/17/98)

Provides that the department of natural resources shall not
adopt a new management plan pertaining to any natural area
preserves in Grays Harbor county and Pacific county before January
10, 1999.

Directs the senate natural resources and parks committee to
study the following aspects of the natural area preserves program
created under chapter 79.70 RCW: (1) The potential impact, if any,
of defining natural area preserve boundaries which encompass land
that has not yet been purchased for the program;

(2) the correlation between the goals and purposes of the
natural area preserve program and the natural resource conservation
area program and the potential integration of the two programs in
selected areas;

(3) the current procedures that ensure the adequacy of local
public input concerning natural area preserve boundaries and
management; and

(4) the criteria and scientific methods used to ensure that
natural area preserves fulfill the purposes of the program.