

2 **ESSB 5290** - H COMM AMD **ADOPTED 04/12/99**
3 By Committee on Agriculture & Ecology

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5 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
6 following:

7 "**Sec. 1.** RCW 43.21A.660 and 1996 c 190 s 1 are each amended to
8 read as follows:

9 Funds in the freshwater aquatic weeds account may be appropriated
10 to the department of ecology to develop a freshwater aquatic weeds
11 management program ~~((to))~~. Funds shall be expended as follows:

12 (1) ~~((Issue))~~ No less than two-thirds of the appropriated funds
13 shall be issued as grants to (a) cities, counties, tribes, special
14 purpose districts, and state agencies to prevent, remove, reduce, or
15 manage excessive freshwater aquatic weeds; (b) fund demonstration or
16 pilot projects consistent with the purposes of this section; and (c)
17 fund hydrilla eradication activities in waters of the state. Except
18 for hydrilla eradication activities, such grants shall only be issued
19 for lakes, rivers, or streams with a public boat launching ramp or
20 which are designated by the department of fish and wildlife for fly-
21 fishing. The department shall give preference to projects having
22 matching funds or in-kind services; and

23 (2) No more than one-third of the appropriated funds shall be
24 expended to:

25 (a) Develop public education programs relating to preventing the
26 propagation and spread of freshwater aquatic weeds; and

27 ~~((3))~~ (b) Provide technical assistance to local governments and
28 citizen groups~~((;~~

29 ~~(4) Fund demonstration or pilot projects consistent with the~~
30 ~~purposes of this section; and~~

31 ~~(5) Fund hydrilla eradication activities in waters of the state)).~~

32 NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. A new section is added to chapter 43.21A RCW
33 to read as follows:

34 (1) The department shall appoint an advisory committee to oversee
35 the freshwater aquatic weeds management program.

1 (2) The advisory committee shall include representatives from the
2 following groups:

3 (a) Recreational boaters interested in freshwater aquatic weed
4 management;

5 (b) Residents adjacent to lakes, rivers, or streams with public
6 boat launch facilities;

7 (c) Local governments;

8 (d) Scientific specialists;

9 (e) Pesticide registrants, as defined in RCW 15.58.030(34);

10 (f) Certified pesticide applicators, as defined in RCW
11 17.21.020(5), who specialize in the use of aquatic pesticides; and

12 (g) If chapter . . ., Laws of 1999 (Senate Bill No. 5315) is
13 enacted by June 30, 1999, the aquatic nuisance species coordinating
14 committee.

15 (3) The advisory committee shall review and provide recommendations
16 to the department on freshwater aquatic weeds management program
17 activities and budget and establish criteria for grants funded from the
18 freshwater aquatic weeds account."

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