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By Representatives Koster, D. Sommers, McDonald, Buck, Schindler, Esser, Dunn, Thomas, D. Schmidt, Wensman, Edmonds and O'Brien

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1 AN ACT Relating to the Reiter pond hatchery; creating a new
2 section; and making an appropriation.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that sport fishing is
5 a wonderful family activity that is enjoyed by many people in this
6 state. The legislature further finds that one of the most abundant
7 steelhead runs in Washington state is on the Snohomish river, and this
8 run is of great significance to the local economy and the economy of
9 the state of Washington. The legislature further finds that the
10 economic benefits derived directly through fishing license sales and
11 indirectly through the purchase of gear, tackle, food, and lodging far
12 exceeds the cost of operating the Reiter pond hatchery.

13 Therefore, the legislature declares that proper management of the
14 hatchery is essential to maintaining the abundant fish runs and the
15 maximum recreational enjoyment potential of the river. The legislature
16 further declares that Reiter pond must be maintained as a hatchery for
17 this purpose.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The sum of ninety thousand dollars, or as
2 much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for the biennium
3 ending June 30, 2001, from the state wildlife account to the department
4 of fish and wildlife solely to operate Reiter pond hatchery.

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