

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6242

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LAND ACQUISITIONS, DISPOSAL

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YEAS 49 NAYS 0

BRAD OWEN

President of the Senate

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YEAS 96 NAYS 0

FRANK CHOPP

Speaker of the House of Representatives

CERTIFICATE

I, Milton H. Doumit, Jr.,
Secretary of the Senate of the
State of Washington, do hereby
certify that the attached is
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6242 as
passed by the Senate and the House
of Representatives on the dates
hereon set forth.

MILTON H. DOUMIT JR.

Secretary

Approved March 31, 2004.

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GARY F. LOCKE

Governor of the State of Washington

**Secretary of State
State of Washington**

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AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE

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By Senate Committee on Natural Resources, Energy & Water (originally sponsored by Senators Parlette and Berkey)

READ FIRST TIME 02/10/04.

1 AN ACT Relating to establishing a statewide strategy for land
2 acquisitions and disposal; and creating a new section.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1)(a) The legislature finds that the 1999
5 public and tribal lands inventory provides a base of information to
6 begin the development of a statewide coordinated strategy for
7 acquisition of lands for recreation and habitat preservation and
8 enhancement. However, updated information is needed on the amount of
9 recent acquisitions, how they were funded, how those acquisitions could
10 be compatible with a coordinated strategy, and how they pursue the
11 goals of single agencies.

12 (b) The legislature further finds that land acquisition decisions
13 have long-term implications, often in perpetuity, and that some
14 acquisitions occur outside the oversight of the legislature.

15 (c) The legislature intends to establish a statewide strategy for
16 coordination of acquisition, exchange or disposal of state agency lands
17 for recreation and habitat preservation and enhancement, and to clarify
18 authority for an interagency planning and coordination of that
19 strategy.

1 (2) The interagency committee for outdoor recreation shall submit
2 a report to the appropriate policy and fiscal committees of the
3 legislature and to the governor by June 30, 2005. The report shall
4 include an inventory of recent habitat and recreational land
5 acquisitions and a recommended statewide strategy for coordination of
6 future acquisitions.

7 (a) The inventory shall include habitat and recreational land
8 acquisitions and disposals since 1980 by state agencies. For the
9 purpose of this inventory, "land acquisition" means fee simple
10 acquisition or less than a fee simple interest if that interest is for
11 more than fifty years. Land acquisitions by state agencies include
12 those funded by state agencies but owned by local governments. The
13 inventory shall:

14 (i) Include information about land acquisitions and disposals that
15 involved land trading or swapping between public and private entities,
16 and land acquisitions that were gifts;

17 (ii) Specify principal use of the acquired parcels and other data
18 compatible with the 1999 inventory;

19 (iii) Specify the agency or local government acquiring or disposing
20 of the property, the costs of the land acquisition or receipts from the
21 disposal, the funding sources, and whether the land acquisition was
22 funded under a legislative appropriation, an unanticipated receipt,
23 and/or exchange of land parcels; and

24 (iv) Include any additional information local governments may
25 provide to the inventory about habitat and recreational land
26 acquisitions by land trusts, conservancies, port districts, public
27 utility districts, and other parties that result in the property's
28 change to a tax exempt status.

29 (b) The recommended statewide strategy for coordination of habitat
30 and recreation acquisitions by state agencies, regardless of fund
31 source, should be consistent with the priorities, policies and criteria
32 of chapter 79A.15 RCW and, if not, identify what priorities, policies
33 and goals should apply. The recommended statewide coordinated strategy
34 should:

35 (i) Ensure that land acquisition and disposal decisions are based
36 on a determination of need for recreational and habitat lands compared
37 to existing public lands serving those purposes in various areas of the
38 state;

1 (ii) Specify how to provide a central, interagency point of
2 coordination to ensure that land acquisitions by state agencies,
3 including land acquisitions funded through unanticipated receipts, are
4 consistent with statewide priorities, policies and goals;

5 (iii) Examine alternative ways to compensate local governments by
6 spreading statewide the impact of lost tax revenues from acquisitions
7 of property for habitat and recreation;

8 (iv) Consider options for a no net gain policy in counties with
9 large portions of existing public habitat and recreational land; and

10 (v) Consider what policies, priorities, and goals may apply to the
11 statewide coordinated strategy. The report may consider population
12 based goals for recreation needs, changes in use of public lands,
13 provisions for scenic areas and green ways, wildlife corridors, forest
14 buffers, designated critical areas, local, state and federal wildlife
15 protection plans, and multi-use functions of existing publicly owned
16 lands.

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