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**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5236**

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BRAD OWEN

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**President of the Senate**

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FRANK CHOPP

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**Speaker of the House of Representatives**

Approved April 30, 2007, 2:26 p.m.

CHRISTINE GREGOIRE

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**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Thomas Hoemann, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5236** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

THOMAS HOEMANN

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**Secretary**

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April 30, 2007

**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, Ocean & Recreation  
(originally sponsored by Senators Parlette, Fraser and Rockefeller)

READ FIRST TIME 02/21/07.

1            AN ACT Relating to public lands management; adding a new section to  
2 chapter 79A.25 RCW; and providing an expiration date.

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

4            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 79A.25 RCW  
5 to read as follows:

6            (1) The habitat and recreation lands coordinating group is  
7 established. The habitat and recreation lands coordinating group must  
8 include representatives from the committee, the state parks and  
9 recreation commission, the department of natural resources, and the  
10 Washington state department of fish and wildlife. The members of the  
11 habitat and recreation lands coordinating group must have subject  
12 matter expertise with the issues presented in this section.  
13 Representatives from appropriate stakeholder organizations and local  
14 government must also be considered for participation on the habitat and  
15 recreation lands coordinating group, but may only be appointed or  
16 invited by the director.

17            (2) To ensure timely completion of the duties assigned to the  
18 habitat and recreation lands coordinating group, the director shall  
19 submit yearly progress reports to the office of financial management.

1 (3) The habitat and recreation lands coordinating group must:

2 (a) Review agency land acquisition and disposal plans and policies  
3 to help ensure statewide coordination of habitat and recreation land  
4 acquisitions and disposals;

5 (b) Produce an interagency, statewide biennial forecast of habitat  
6 and recreation land acquisitions and disposal plans;

7 (c) Establish procedures for publishing the biennial forecast of  
8 acquisition and disposal plans on web sites or other centralized,  
9 easily accessible formats;

10 (d) Develop and convene an annual forum for agencies to coordinate  
11 their near-term acquisition and disposal plans;

12 (e) Develop a recommended method for interagency geographic  
13 information system-based documentation of habitat and recreation lands  
14 in cooperation with other state agencies using geographic information  
15 systems;

16 (f) Develop recommendations for standardization of acquisition and  
17 disposal recordkeeping, including identifying a preferred process for  
18 centralizing acquisition data;

19 (g) Develop an approach for monitoring the success of acquisitions;

20 (h) Identify and commence a dialogue with key state and federal  
21 partners to develop an inventory of potential public lands for transfer  
22 into habitat and recreation land management status;

23 (i) Review existing and proposed habitat conservation plans on a  
24 regular basis to foster statewide coordination and save costs.

25 (4) The group shall revisit the committee's and Washington wildlife  
26 and recreation program's planning requirements to determine whether  
27 coordination of state agency habitat and recreation land acquisition  
28 and disposal could be improved by modifying those requirements.

29 (5) The group must develop options for centralizing coordination of  
30 habitat and recreation land acquisition made with funds from federal  
31 grants. The advantages and drawbacks of the following options, at a  
32 minimum, must be developed:

33 (a) Requiring that agencies provide early communication on the  
34 status of federal grant applications to the committee, the office of  
35 financial management, or directly to the legislature;

36 (b) Establishing a centralized pass-through agency for federal  
37 funds, where individual agencies would be the primary applicants.

1           (6) This section expires July 31, 2012. Prior to January 1, 2012,  
2 the committee shall make a formal recommendation to the appropriate  
3 committees of the legislature as to whether the existence of the  
4 habitat and recreation lands coordinating group should be continued  
5 beyond July 31, 2012, and if so, whether any modifications to its  
6 enabling statute should be pursued. The committee shall involve all  
7 participants in the habitat and recreation lands coordinating group  
8 when developing the recommendations.

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