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**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5784**

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**By** Senate Natural Resources & Marine Waters (originally sponsored by Senators Litzow, Ranker, Swecker, Hobbs, Fain, Hill, Pridemore, Nelson, Rockefeller, Regala, Shin, and Kline)

READ FIRST TIME 02/21/11.

1       AN ACT Relating to advancing the regional ocean partnership; adding  
2 a new section to chapter 43.372 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

4       NEW SECTION.   **Sec. 1.** (1) The legislature finds that the states of  
5 Washington, Oregon, and California have a common interest in the  
6 management and protection of ocean and coastal resources. This common  
7 interest stems from the many ocean and coastal resources that cross  
8 jurisdictional boundaries including winds, currents, fish, and  
9 wildlife, as well as the multijurisdictional reach of many uses of  
10 marine waters. These shared resources provide enormous economic,  
11 environmental, and social benefits to the states, and are an integral  
12 part of maintaining the high quality of life enjoyed by residents of  
13 the west coast.

14       (2) The legislature finds that the shared nature of ocean and  
15 coastal resources make coordination between the states of Washington,  
16 Oregon, and California essential in order to achieve effective ocean  
17 and coastal resource management and support sustainable coastal  
18 communities.

1 (3) The legislature recognizes the west coast governor's agreement  
2 on ocean health, entered into on September 18, 2006, as an important  
3 step towards achieving more coordinated management of these ocean and  
4 coastal resources.

5 (4) Ocean and coastal resource planning processes and funding  
6 opportunities recently initiated by the federal government contemplate  
7 action at the regional level. Early action on the part of Washington,  
8 Oregon, and California to collaboratively define and implement such  
9 planning efforts and projects will increase the states' ability to  
10 determine the course of federal planning processes for the west coast  
11 and receive nonstate support for the planning efforts, resource  
12 preservation and restoration projects, and projects to support ocean  
13 health and sustainable coastal communities.

14 (5) Therefore, collaboration on ocean and coastal resource  
15 management between Washington, Oregon, and California should be  
16 continued and enhanced through the respective legislatures, as well as  
17 through the respective executive branches through the west coast  
18 governor's agreement on ocean health.

19 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 43.372 RCW  
20 to read as follows:

21 When moneys are deposited into the marine resources stewardship  
22 trust account created in RCW 43.372.070, the governor must provide  
23 recommendations on expenditures from the account to the appropriate  
24 committees of the legislature prior to the next regular legislative  
25 session. The recommended projects and activities must be consistent  
26 with: The allowable uses of the marine resources stewardship trust  
27 account; and the priority areas identified in the west coast governor's  
28 agreement on ocean health, entered into on September 18, 2006, and  
29 recognized in section 1 of this act.

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