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By Senators Pearson, Hargrove, Honeyford, Parlette, Keiser, Lias, Hobbs, Hatfield, Kohl-Welles, Frockt, Dammeier, Rolfes, Hewitt, Dandel, Fraser, Chase, and Conway; by request of Commissioner of Public Lands

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1 AN ACT Relating to geological hazards assessment; and amending  
2 RCW 43.92.025 and 58.24.060.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.92.025 and 2006 c 340 s 4 are each amended to  
5 read as follows:

6 (1) In addition to the objectives stated in RCW 43.92.020, the  
7 geological survey must conduct and maintain an assessment of seismic,  
8 landslide, and tsunami hazards in Washington. This assessment must  
9 ~~((include the identification and mapping of))~~ apply the best  
10 practicable technology, including light detection and ranging (lidar)  
11 mapping, to identify and map volcanic, seismic, landslide, and  
12 tsunami hazards, ~~((an estimation of))~~ and estimate potential hazard  
13 consequences~~((,))~~ and the likelihood of ~~((occurrence))~~ a hazard  
14 occurring.

15 (2) The ~~((maintenance of this assessment))~~ geological survey must  
16 ~~((include))~~:

17 (a) Coordinate with state and local government agencies to  
18 compile existing data, including geological hazard maps and  
19 geotechnical reports, tending to inform geological hazard planning  
20 decisions;

- 1        (b) Acquire and process new data or update deficient data using  
2 the best practicable technology, including lidar;  
3        (c) Create and maintain an efficient, publicly available database  
4 of lidar and geological hazard maps and geotechnical reports  
5 collected under (a) and (b) of this subsection; and  
6        (d) Provide technical assistance to state and local government  
7 agencies on the proper interpretation and application of the results  
8 of ~~((this))~~ the geological hazards assessment.

9        **Sec. 2.** RCW 58.24.060 and 1991 sp.s. c 13 s 14 are each amended  
10 to read as follows:

11        There is created in the state treasury the surveys and maps  
12 account which shall be a separate account consisting of funds  
13 received or collected under chapters 43.92, 58.22, and 58.24 RCW,  
14 moneys appropriated to it by law. This account shall be used  
15 exclusively by the department of natural resources for carrying out  
16 the purposes and provisions of chapters 43.92, 58.22, and 58.24 RCW.  
17 Appropriations from the account shall be expended for no other  
18 purposes.

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