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**SENATE BILL 6580**

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**By** Senators Amondson, Snyder, Bluechel, Sutherland, Deccio, Owen, McCaslin, Sellar, McDonald, Sheldon and Oke

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1 AN ACT Relating to hazardous waste cleanup; adding a new section to  
2 chapter 70.105D RCW; and creating a new section.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that:

5 (1) Regulatory reform is recognized as a top priority in this state  
6 and has a direct tie to the economic viability of businesses in this  
7 state and jobs for the citizens of this state.

8 (2) Washington has long been known for its natural beauty which  
9 attracts tourism and enhances the quality of life of its citizens.  
10 Preserving pristine wilderness and unspoiled areas continues to be a  
11 high priority.

12 (3) There is a growing trend in other states to "recycle"  
13 industrial land that is currently unused into new industrial  
14 development. This trend serves the dual purposes of helping to halt  
15 the spread of deserted and decrepit abandoned industrial facilities in  
16 cities and also aids in preserving unspoiled land that industrial  
17 facilities would otherwise expand onto.

18 (4) One major barrier to recycling industrial land is the  
19 exorbitant amount of money that is required for cleanup. Therefore, it

1 is the intent of the legislature to provide some assistance to  
2 businesses that have stated an interest in redeveloping industrial land  
3 by considering industrial lands that have serious proposals for reuse  
4 for grants for remedial actions from the local toxics control account.

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 70.105D  
6 RCW to read as follows:

7 For the purposes of conducting a remedial action or requiring  
8 potentially liable persons to take remedial action under this chapter,  
9 and for the purpose of making grants for remedial actions from the  
10 local toxics control account, the department shall give high priority  
11 to land that has previously been used for industrial purposes, and  
12 where there is a serious proposal for the reuse of the industrialized  
13 land.

14 For the purposes of this section, the term "serious proposal" means  
15 that a person or an entity can provide documentation to show that it  
16 has either obtained the necessary financing, has executed a contract  
17 that is contingent upon the cleanup of a parcel of industrialized land,  
18 or has a grant from the local toxics control account in order to go  
19 forward with a proposal to reuse industrialized land for a commercial  
20 industrial purpose.

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