

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT  
**ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6666**

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NUISANCE AQUATIC WEEDS

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JOEL PRITCHARD

**President of the Senate**

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CLYDE BALLARD

**Speaker of the  
House of Representatives**

Approved March 30, 1996

MIKE LOWRY

**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Marty Brown, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6666** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

MARTY BROWN

**Secretary**

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**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**

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AS RECOMMENDED BY CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

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By Senate Committee on Ecology & Parks (originally sponsored by Senators Winsley, Haugen, Fairley, Swecker, McDonald, Fraser, McAuliffe and Rasmussen)

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1            AN ACT Relating to nuisance aquatic weeds; creating new sections;  
2 providing an expiration date; and declaring an emergency.

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

4            "NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.**    The legislature finds that Washington's  
5 lakes, particularly urban and suburban lakes, are experiencing  
6 pollution problems. There are frequent conflicts between shoreline  
7 property owners, who want a lake free of nuisance and noxious aquatic  
8 weeds for health, natural habitat, and recreation purposes, and local  
9 and state agencies, who are charged with protecting water quality and  
10 habitat quality in the lakes. Human-caused pollution and natural  
11 factors that cause the growth of the nuisance and noxious aquatic weeds  
12 in lakes often have diffuse sources and can create dangerous  
13 conditions.

14            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 2.**    There is created a committee to develop a  
15 Washington state lake health plan. The lake health plan shall include,  
16 but not be limited to, the following elements:

17            (1) An overview of the science of lakes management in general, and  
18 aquatic weeds in particular, using peer-reviewed studies and prior

1 completed environmental impact statements, where possible. This  
2 scientific overview should identify and critically evaluate the various  
3 methods and techniques available for lake restoration and weed  
4 management;

5 (2) An analysis of the existing federal and state statutes,  
6 regulations, and policies dealing with lakes management. The plan  
7 shall provide recommendations on how to eliminate conflicts and  
8 inconsistencies in these legal requirements;

9 (3) An assessment of, and recommendations addressing, the problems  
10 arising from overlapping state and local agency programs and  
11 procedures;

12 (4) Recommendations on sources of state and local funding for lakes  
13 management. The funding mechanisms should reflect a preference for  
14 local solutions, and on involving all of the contributors to a lake's  
15 pollution in the funding of lake management expenses; and

16 (5) A plan or program to provide public information and education  
17 concerning how to prevent lake pollution and improve lake health. The  
18 committee shall consist of up to two senate members from each caucus of  
19 the senate, selected by the president of the senate and up to two  
20 representatives from each caucus of the house of representatives,  
21 selected by the speaker of the house of representatives. The committee  
22 may create advisory groups to assist them in evaluating these issues  
23 and shall consult with the following:

24 (a) Lakeside homeowners, lake users, and other citizens interested  
25 in lake water quality;

26 (b) The director or designee from the departments of fish and  
27 wildlife, health, ecology, natural resources, and agriculture;

28 (c) County governments and local health departments from both the  
29 east side and the west side of the state;

30 (d) Cities;

31 (e) Scientific and academic specialists; and

32 (f) Pesticide applicators.

33 Staff support for the committee shall be provided by the office of  
34 program research in the house of representatives and by senate  
35 committee services.

36 The committee shall submit a plan with statutory recommendations,  
37 if any, to the legislature by January 1, 1998.

1        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 3.**    The department of ecology shall expedite  
2 requests for approval for the application of state or federally  
3 registered pesticides by licensed pesticide applicators, including the  
4 use of herbicides such as copper sulfate or diquat, to control nuisance  
5 and noxious weeds in lakes managed under chapter 90.24 RCW. Approval  
6 for the application of pesticides is subject to compliance with state  
7 and federal pesticide laws. The department of ecology shall condition  
8 the permits to ensure that fish within the watershed are not  
9 significantly affected. The department of ecology may require  
10 applicators to provide reasonable notification to shoreline residents  
11 before application and to post signs describing swimming and fishing  
12 restrictions. The department of ecology may require sampling by the  
13 local health department to assess the biological effects of pesticide  
14 treatments and effects on human and animal health of toxic algae. This  
15 section shall expire April 1, 1998.

16        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 4.**    This act is necessary for the immediate  
17 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the  
18 state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take  
19 effect immediately.

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