
**Rural Development, Agriculture &
Natural Resources Committee**

SB 5063

Brief Description: Concerning the expiration date of the invasive species council.

Sponsors: Senators Honeyford, Salomon, Van De Wege and Warnick; by request of Recreation and Conservation Office.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Extends the expiration date of the Washington State Invasive Species Council and Invasive Species Council Account.

Hearing Date: 3/17/21

Staff: Rebecca Lewis (786-7339).

Background:

The Washington State Invasive Species Council (Council) was created by statute in 2006 to provide policy-level direction, planning, and coordination to prevent the spread and introduction of invasive species throughout the state. Members of the Council include representatives from federal, state, local, and Tribal governments, the private sector, and other nongovernment interests. Staff support for the Council is provided through the Recreation and Conservation Office.

The 2006 legislation also created the Invasive Species Council Account (Account), which may receive appropriations, gifts, grants, and donations. Account funds may only be used to carry out the purposes of the Council.

The Legislature established an initial December 31, 2011, expiration date for the Council. In

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2011, and again in 2016, the Legislature reauthorized the Council and associated Account. The Council and associated Account expire on June 30, 2022.

Summary of Bill:

The expiration date of the Washington State Invasive Species Council and Invasive Species Council Account is extended to June 30, 2032.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of the session in which the bill is passed.