

2 **ESHB 1448** - S COMM AMD

3 By Committee on Environment & Natural Resources

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5 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
6 following:

7 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that areas of the
8 state of Washington hold significant importance for wildlife habitat,
9 study, and recreation. Those areas located near major urban areas and
10 important research institutions possess unique potential for study and
11 research into the development, management, and use of natural systems
12 in urban environments.

13 It is the intent of the legislature to protect and enhance these
14 areas for the following purposes:

15 (1) Use as wildlife habitat;

16 (2) Application of rational practices for the management of
17 biological systems in urban environments;

18 (3) Biological, environmental, and landscape architectural research
19 and teaching;

20 (4) Recreational enjoyment of nature that is compatible with the
21 environment; and

22 (5) Protection from development or construction other than that
23 necessary to accomplish the purposes listed in this section."

24 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 77.12 RCW
25 to read as follows:

26 (1) The Union Bay portion of Lake Washington is recognized as a
27 prime wetland area that is of significant importance for wildlife

1 habitat, educational opportunity, and recreation. It is also situated
2 near an important research institution, the University of Washington.

3 (2) The department shall coordinate a cooperative planning effort,
4 to include all interested property owners and managers within or
5 adjacent to Union Bay, and other interested parties, to identify and
6 plan for the Union Bay cooperative wildlife habitat management area.
7 The boundaries of the area shall be delineated by all cooperators in
8 the effort. The plan may not contain restrictions or limitations on
9 the rights of property owners that are more restrictive than the
10 restrictions and limitations in effect on the effective date of this
11 section. The plan may not contain restrictions on water-related uses
12 of the bay that are more restrictive than those in effect on the
13 effective date of this section.

14 (3) The department and cooperators identified pursuant to
15 subsection (2) of this section shall identify wildlife resources of,
16 wildlife management objectives for, and compatible uses with wildlife
17 in the Union Bay cooperative wildlife habitat management area. The
18 department and cooperators shall also identify appropriate
19 environmental education opportunities for the area. The department and
20 cooperators shall develop a plan for comanagement of the Union Bay
21 cooperative wildlife habitat management area.

22 (4) The department shall provide progress reports to the house of
23 representatives committee on fisheries and wildlife and the senate
24 committee on environment and natural resources by December 1, 1992.

25 (5) The department may solicit gifts, grants, conveyances,
26 bequests, and devises, whether real or personal property, or both, in
27 trust or otherwise, to be directed to the department for carrying out
28 the purposes of this section. The department may solicit contracts for
29 work, financial and in-kind contributions, and support from private

1 industries, interest groups, federal and state sources, and other
2 sources, for the purposes of this section."

3 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. A new section is added to chapter 77.12 RCW
4 to read as follows:

5 Private property within the Union Bay cooperative wildlife habitat
6 management area may be obtained for public purposes only by a voluntary
7 action of a private property owner. Public agencies shall not acquire
8 property within the Union Bay cooperative wildlife habitat management
9 area for purposes inconsistent with the purposes of section 2 of this
10 act."

11 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. The sum of forty-four thousand dollars,
12 or as much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for the
13 biennium ending June 30, 1993, from the general fund to the department
14 of wildlife for the purposes of this act."

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18 On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "areas;" strike the remainder
19 of the title and insert "adding new sections to chapter 77.12 RCW;
20 creating a new section; and making an appropriation."