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**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1448**

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**By** House Committee on Fisheries & Wildlife (originally sponsored by Representatives Jacobsen, Anderson, Rust, Brekke, Prentice, Valle, Phillips, Heavey, Appelwick, Locke, H. Sommers, Belcher, Nelson, Hine, Fraser and Wineberry).

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1       AN ACT Relating to urban wildlife management areas; adding a new  
2 section to chapter 77.12 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 areas of the  
5 state of Washington hold significant importance for wildlife habitat,  
6 study, and recreation. Those areas located near major urban areas and  
7 important research institutions possess unique potential for study and  
8 research into the development, management, and use of natural systems  
9 in urban environments.

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

12       (1) Use as wildlife habitat;

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

1 (3) Biological, environmental, and landscape architectural research  
2 and teaching;

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

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

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 77.12 RCW  
8 to read as follows:

9 (1) The Union Bay portion of Lake Washington is recognized as a  
10 prime wetland area that is of significant importance for wildlife  
11 habitat, educational opportunity, and recreation. It is also situated  
12 near an important research institution, the University of Washington.

13 (2) The department shall coordinate a cooperative planning effort,  
14 to include all interested property owners and managers within or  
15 adjacent to Union Bay, and other interested parties, to identify and  
16 plan for the Union Bay cooperative wildlife habitat management area.  
17 The boundaries of the area shall be delineated by all cooperators in  
18 the effort.

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

27 (4) The department shall provide progress reports to the house of  
28 representatives committee on fisheries and wildlife and the senate

1 committee on environment and natural resources by December 1, 1991, and  
2 December 1, 1992.

3 (5) The department may solicit gifts, grants, conveyances,  
4 bequests, and devises, whether real or personal property, or both, in  
5 trust or otherwise, to be directed to the department for carrying out  
6 the purposes of this section. The department may solicit contracts for  
7 work, financial and in-kind contributions, and support from private  
8 industries, interest groups, federal and state sources, and other  
9 sources, for the purposes of this section.