
SENATE BILL 5872

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By Senator Bluechel.

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1 AN ACT Relating to the protection of the Snoqualmie river; creating
2 new sections; and making an appropriation.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** LEGISLATIVE FINDING--PURPOSE. It is the
5 intent of the legislature to encourage the communities of this state to
6 join on a regional basis in order to implement the declared policy of
7 this state that rivers of the state which, with their immediate
8 environs, possess outstanding natural, scenic, historic, ecological,
9 and recreational values of present and future benefit to the public
10 shall be preserved in as natural condition as practical while allowing
11 for reasonable maintenance of rivers for flood control purposes.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** SNOQUALMIE RIVER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM. In
13 accordance with the purpose of this act and pursuant to the applicable
14 provisions of chapter 39.34 RCW, the state parks and recreation

1 commission of the state of Washington, in consideration for the
2 appropriation granted under section 5 of this act, shall agree to adopt
3 and implement a management program for lands on the section of the
4 Snoqualmie river above Snoqualmie falls in King county of the state of
5 Washington, which river section possesses the characteristics under
6 section 1 of this act. The state parks and recreation commission shall
7 work in conjunction with the King county council and the municipalities
8 of North Bend and Snoqualmie in developing this management program.
9 Representatives of local landowners and river users who represent the
10 variety of interests along the river shall be included in the
11 management task force to develop the management program. The state
12 parks and recreation commission shall provide technical assistance and
13 facilitation of public forums in the development of the management
14 program. The task force shall submit an agreed upon program to the
15 commission no later than two years from the date of enactment.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** PLAN ADOPTION. The state parks and
17 recreation commission shall review the final management program as
18 adopted by the county and municipalities. The commission shall approve
19 the program if, in the commission's judgment, the program adequately
20 fulfills the requirements of this act, protects the natural character
21 of the river, provides a program for managing publicly owned land along
22 the river, and protects the rights of private property owners. If the
23 management program is approved in accordance with this section, the
24 commission shall: (1) Prepare, in consultation with the county and
25 municipalities, and submit to the governor and the legislature a
26 requested budget to assist in the implementation of the management
27 program; and (2) Support the implementation of the management program
28 by providing technical assistance, staff consultation, and grants for
29 implementation, subject to available appropriations.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** DESIGNATION. Following implementation of
2 the management program, the county and municipalities may request that
3 the state parks and recreation commission consider the Snoqualmie river
4 for designation as a scenic river under chapter 79.72 RCW.

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION--
6 APPROPRIATION. There is hereby appropriated from the general fund to
7 the state parks and recreation commission the sum of forty thousand
8 dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, for the biennium
9 ending June 30, 1993, to provide for the purpose of providing the state
10 parks and recreation commission with amounts necessary to offset the
11 costs of establishing a Snoqualmie river management program. The
12 commission may allocate up to twenty-five percent of the appropriated
13 amount to the local governments to offset administrative costs and
14 costs associated with staff and planning assistance.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** Captions as used in this act do not
16 constitute any part of the law.