

2 **ESHB 2741** - S COMM AMD (S5619.1)
3 By Committee on 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:

8 (1) In times of decreasing revenues and increasing demands, it is
9 critically important to ensure the efficient use of scarce financial
10 resources by avoiding overlap and duplication of effort among
11 watershed-based planning efforts;

12 (2) Comprehensive planning for the management of natural resources
13 on a watershed basis is desirable because it has the potential to
14 address multiple concerns in an integrated and efficient manner;

15 (3) Implementation of watershed-based planning may be complicated
16 by multiple land ownerships, different management missions and
17 objectives, different ways of collecting information, and legal
18 constraints such as federal and state antitrust statutes;

19 (4) Many different entities, including federal, state, and local
20 governments, tribes, and landowners are already conducting watershed-
21 based planning, research, and monitoring programs;

22 (5) There exists a compelling need for a consistent process for
23 collecting and sharing information and data among all interested
24 parties;

25 (6) There also exists a compelling need to ensure that the goals
26 and objectives of watershed planning efforts are coordinated and
27 consistent with each other; and

28 (7) Coordination of state, federal, and local resources is needed
29 to maximize the value of the state's forty million dollar biennial
30 investment in anadromous fish protection to improve stocks in critical
31 and depressed condition.

32 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) State agencies involved in watershed-
33 based natural resource planning efforts shall coordinate their planning
34 and implementation processes. These cooperating state agencies shall
35 include, but not be limited to, the departments of natural resources,

1 agriculture, ecology, fish and wildlife, health, and community, trade,
2 and economic development; the Puget Sound water quality authority; and
3 the office of the governor. These agencies will meet as a group and
4 include at those meetings representatives of federal agencies, local
5 governments, tribes, private landowners, environmental groups, the
6 public water supply entities utilizing water from the watershed,
7 resource user groups, and other interested parties.

8 (2) The commissioner of public lands shall coordinate discussions
9 of watershed-based natural resource planning among these various
10 parties. The department of natural resources will provide a reasonable
11 level of staff support for the work of the group.

12 (3) On or before December 15, 1994, the department of natural
13 resources shall prepare a report for the legislature based on the
14 group's discussions and findings. At a minimum this report shall
15 include:

16 (a) Identification of barriers to coordination and cooperation in
17 watershed-based planning and management of natural resources;

18 (b) Recommendations on the collection, storage, and maintenance of
19 information in watershed analysis, planning, monitoring, and research
20 programs. These recommendations could lead to the establishment of
21 protocols governing data collection and information exchange;

22 (c) Identification of actual and potential overlap and duplication
23 of effort in watershed-based natural resource planning efforts;

24 (d) Identification of gaps of coverage in existing and proposed
25 watershed planning projects;

26 (e) Examination of the possible establishment of a central
27 depository and of a process for periodically updating and distributing
28 information on watershed-based natural resource planning efforts;

29 (f) Identification of strategies for developing cooperative
30 watershed-based planning efforts which provide an opportunity for
31 participants to:

32 (i) Establish coordinated and consistent goals and objectives which
33 emphasize the natural and economic values of the watershed; and

34 (ii) Identify approaches for coordinating and financing the
35 implementation of watershed-based plans; and

36 (g) A process providing for ongoing review, revision, and update of
37 watershed-based plans and management activities.

38 (4) The commissioner of public lands shall cochair with the
39 director of the department of fish and wildlife, a committee named the

1 watershed council. The council shall consist of, but not be limited
2 to, the director of the department of ecology, the secretary of
3 transportation, the chair of the conservation commission, a
4 representative of forest landowners, and a representative of
5 agricultural landowners for the purpose of coordinating the state's
6 efforts in addressing threatened anadromous fish resources and to
7 preclude endangered species listings. The council shall coordinate the
8 allocation of state resources in conjunction with federal, tribal,
9 private, and local resources for watershed restoration and protection
10 in order to maximize the state's effort to improve fish stocks in
11 critical and depressed condition. The coordination is intended to
12 maximize the expenditure of public funds, not to change statutory
13 mandates for specific programs.

14 The council shall report to the appropriate policy and fiscal
15 committees of the legislature on or before December 15, 1994. The
16 report shall include a plan for coordinating and targeting existing and
17 new state, federal, and local resources toward this goal of precluding
18 endangered species listings. It will be the goal that at least fifty
19 percent of the fiscal year 1995 watershed-related expenditures be
20 targeted for this purpose. This plan shall include: (a) A prioritized
21 listing of watersheds based on department of natural resources
22 watershed analysis and department of fish and wildlife stock
23 assessments; (b) a definition of the geographical unit for watershed
24 management that all state agencies shall use; (c) recommendations for
25 the establishment of common protocols governing data collection and a
26 central depository of information to be used by all state agencies
27 involved in watershed management efforts; (d) an identification of gaps
28 of coverage in existing and proposed watershed planning efforts; (e) an
29 identification of state agency responsibilities by watershed; (f) an
30 identification of barriers to state agency cooperation in watershed
31 management efforts and recommendations to overcome such barriers; (g)
32 an identification of barriers and incentives to encourage local
33 government and private landowner cooperation in watershed management
34 activities; and (h) recommendations for integration of watershed
35 habitat protection with land use planning and regulation by local
36 governments under the growth management act.

37 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The military department shall consult with
38 the watershed recovery council to identify and implement training and

1 readiness exercises that will assist in the state's watershed
2 restoration efforts. Particular emphasis shall be placed on projects
3 that assist in fish passage barrier removal, erosion control, and road
4 closure, obliteration, revegetation, and drainage improvements. If the
5 watershed recovery council is not established by July 1, 1994, then the
6 department shall consult with the commissioner of public lands and the
7 director of fish and wildlife to identify and implement watershed
8 restoration projects. Nothing in this section shall interfere with the
9 duties and functions of the military department as prescribed under
10 Title 38 RCW."

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14 On page 1, line 2 of the title, after "planning;" strike the
15 remainder of the title and insert "and creating new sections."

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