

2 **HB 2834** - S COMM AMD

3 By Committee on Ecology & Parks

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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 Washington's
8 lakes, particularly urban and suburban lakes, are experiencing
9 pollution problems. There are frequent conflicts between shoreline
10 property owners, who want a lake free of nuisance and noxious aquatic
11 weeds for health, natural habitat, and recreation purposes, and local
12 and state agencies, who are charged with protecting water quality and
13 habitat quality in the lakes. Human-caused pollution and natural
14 factors that cause the growth of the nuisance and noxious aquatic weeds
15 in lakes often have diffuse sources and can create dangerous
16 conditions.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** There is created a committee to develop a
18 Washington state lake health plan. The lake health plan shall include,
19 but not be limited to, the following elements:

20 (1) An overview of the science of lakes management in general, and
21 aquatic weeds in particular, using peer-reviewed studies and prior
22 completed environmental impact statements, where possible. This
23 scientific overview should identify and critically evaluate the various
24 methods and techniques available for lake restoration and weed
25 management;

26 (2) An analysis of the existing federal and state statutes,
27 regulations, and policies dealing with lakes management. The plan
28 shall provide recommendations on how to eliminate conflicts and
29 inconsistencies in these legal requirements;

30 (3) An assessment of, and recommendations addressing, the problems
31 arising from overlapping state and local agency programs and
32 procedures;

33 (4) Recommendations on sources of state and local funding for lakes
34 management. The funding mechanisms should reflect a preference for

1 local solutions, and on involving all of the contributors to a lake's
2 pollution in the funding of lake management expenses; and

3 (5) A plan or program to provide public information and education
4 concerning how to prevent lake pollution and improve lake health. The
5 committee shall consist of two representatives from each caucus of the
6 senate, selected by the president of the senate and two representatives
7 from each caucus of the house of representatives, selected by the
8 speaker of the house of representatives. Staff support for the
9 committee shall be provided by the office of program research in the
10 house of representatives and by senate committee services. The
11 committee shall submit a plan with statutory recommendations, if any,
12 to the legislature by January 1, 1998.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The department of ecology shall expedite
14 requests for approval for the application of pesticides, including the
15 use of herbicides such as copper sulfate or diquat, to control nuisance
16 and noxious weeds in lakes managed under chapter 90.24 RCW. Approval
17 for the application of pesticides is subject to compliance with state
18 and federal pesticide laws. The department of ecology shall condition
19 the permits to ensure that fish within the watershed are not
20 significantly affected. The department of ecology may require
21 applicators to provide reasonable notification to shoreline residents
22 before application and to post signs describing swimming and fishing
23 restrictions. The department of ecology may require sampling by the
24 local health department to assess the biological effects of pesticide
25 treatments. This section shall expire April 1, 1998.

26 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** The sum of thirty thousand dollars, or as
27 much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for the fiscal year
28 ending June 30, 1997, from the general fund to the senate and house of
29 representatives for the purposes of section 2 of this act.

30 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** This act is necessary for the immediate
31 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
32 state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take
33 effect immediately."

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4 On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "algae;" strike the remainder
5 of the title and insert "creating new sections; making an
6 appropriation; providing an expiration date; and declaring an
7 emergency."

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