

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

SENATE BILL 5894

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Transportation department wetlands strategic plan

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Passed by the Senate March 15, 1995
YEAS 42 NAYS 0

JOEL PRITCHARD

President of the Senate

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YEAS 97 NAYS 0

CLYDE BALLARD

**Speaker of the
House of Representatives**

Approved April 20, 1995

MIKE LOWRY

Governor of the State of Washington

CERTIFICATE

I, Marty Brown, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SENATE BILL 5894** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

MARTY BROWN

Secretary

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**Secretary of State
State of Washington**

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By Senators Prentice, Owen, Haugen, Wood, Kohl, Fairley, Sellar,
Rasmussen, Oke, Schow and Winsley

Read first time 02/13/95. Referred to Committee on Transportation.

1 AN ACT Relating to wetlands owned by the department of
2 transportation; and creating a new section.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The department of transportation shall
5 develop a strategic plan for the long-term monitoring and maintenance
6 of wetlands owned by the department. The plan must consider:

7 (1) An evaluation of the long-term monitoring and maintenance costs
8 of existing and planned sites;

9 (2) The feasibility of developing wetland banks that could be used
10 by other public entities. Consideration must be given to allocating
11 costs for the initial development of a bank and to prorating ongoing
12 monitoring and maintenance costs;

13 (3) The feasibility of selling, contracting, or transferring title
14 of department-owned wetland bank property or mitigation sites to other
15 public agencies or nonprofit environmental corporations;

16 (4) A legal analysis of the state constitutional prohibition
17 against lending of the state's credit;

1 (5) An analysis of the statutory barriers prohibiting mitigation of
2 wetland losses on a regional or watershed basis and recommendations for
3 achieving a regional or watershed approach to mitigation;

4 (6) A summary of planned or potential wetland banks; and

5 (7) An analysis of how wetland habitat can be valued and quantified
6 and how mitigation credits could be developed.

7 The department shall present the strategic plan to the standing
8 committees on transportation of the senate and the house of
9 representatives no later than January 15, 1997.

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