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**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5290**

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**By** Senate Committee on Environmental Quality & Water Resources (originally sponsored by Senators Fraser, Swecker, Winsley, Fairley, Franklin, Morton, Prentice, Spanel, Jacobsen, Honeyford, Oke and Rasmussen)

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1 AN ACT Relating to the freshwater aquatic weeds management program;  
2 amending RCW 43.21A.660; and adding a new section to chapter 43.21A  
3 RCW.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.21A.660 and 1996 c 190 s 1 are each amended to read  
6 as follows:

7 Funds in the freshwater aquatic weeds account may be appropriated  
8 to the department of ecology to develop a freshwater aquatic weeds  
9 management program ~~((to))~~. Funds shall be expended as follows:

10 (1) ~~((Issue))~~ No less than two-thirds of the appropriated funds  
11 shall be issued as grants to (a) cities, counties, tribes, special  
12 purpose districts, and state agencies to prevent, remove, reduce, or  
13 manage excessive freshwater aquatic weeds; (b) fund demonstration or  
14 pilot projects consistent with the purposes of this section; and (c)  
15 fund hydrilla eradication activities in waters of the state. Such  
16 grants shall only be issued for lakes, rivers, or streams with a public  
17 boat launching ramp. The department shall give preference to projects  
18 having matching funds or in-kind services; and

1       (2) No more than two-thirds of the appropriated funds shall be  
2 expended to:

3       (a) Develop public education programs relating to preventing the  
4 propagation and spread of freshwater aquatic weeds; and

5       ~~((3))~~ (b) Provide technical assistance to local governments and  
6 citizen groups(~~(~~

7       ~~(4) Fund demonstration or pilot projects consistent with the~~  
8 ~~purposes of this section; and~~

9       ~~(5) Fund hydrilla eradication activities in waters of the state)).~~

10       NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. A new section is added to chapter 43.21A RCW  
11 to read as follows:

12       (1) The department shall appoint an advisory committee to oversee  
13 the freshwater aquatic weeds management program.

14       (2) The advisory committee shall include representatives from the  
15 following groups:

16       (a) Recreational boaters interested in freshwater aquatic weed  
17 management;

18       (b) Residents adjacent to lakes, rivers, or streams with public  
19 boat launch facilities;

20       (c) Local governments;

21       (d) Scientific specialists;

22       (e) Pesticide registrants, as defined in RCW 15.58.030(34);

23       (f) Certified pesticide applicators, as defined in RCW  
24 17.21.020(5), who specialize in the use of aquatic pesticides; and

25       (g) If chapter . . ., Laws of 1999 (Senate Bill No. 5315) is  
26 enacted by June 30, 1999, the aquatic nuisance species coordinating  
27 committee.

28       (3) The advisory committee shall review and provide recommendations  
29 to the department on freshwater aquatic weeds management program  
30 activities and budget and establish criteria for grants funded from the  
31 freshwater aquatic weeds account.

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