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By Senators Heavey and Patterson

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- 1 AN ACT Relating to designating a lead agency for public proposals
- 2 under the state environmental policy act; and adding a new section to
- 3 chapter 43.21C RCW.
- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
- 5 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 43.21C RCW 6 to read as follows:
- 7 (1) An agency that is the primary sponsor or proponent of a project
- 8 or proposal shall not serve as the lead agency responsible for
- 9 complying with the review procedures under this chapter. In the case
- 10 of such a public project or proposal subject to review under this
- 11 chapter, the lead agency shall be determined by agreement among all
- 12 agencies with jurisdiction and agencies with expertise.
- 13 (2) For purposes of this section:
- 14 (a) "Agency with jurisdiction" means an agency with authority to
- 15 approve, veto, or finance all or part of a project or proposal; and

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- 1 (b) "Agency with expertise" means an agency with special expertise
- 2 on the environmental impacts involved in a proposal or alternative

3 significantly affecting the environment.

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