

SSB 6242 - H COMM AMD

By Committee on Capital Budget

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1)(a) The legislature finds that the
4 1999 public and tribal lands inventory provides a base of
5 information to begin the development of a statewide coordinated
6 strategy for acquisition of lands for recreation and habitat
7 preservation and enhancement. However, updated information is
8 needed on the amount of recent acquisitions, how they were funded,
9 how those acquisitions could be compatible with a coordinated
10 strategy, and how they pursue the goals of single agencies.

11 (b) The legislature further finds that land acquisition
12 decisions have long-term implications, often in perpetuity, and
13 that some acquisitions occur outside the oversight of the
14 legislature.

15 (c) The legislature intends to establish a statewide strategy
16 for coordination of acquisition, exchange or disposal of state
17 agency lands for recreation and habitat preservation and
18 enhancement, and to clarify authority for an interagency planning
19 and coordination of that strategy.

20 (2) The interagency committee for outdoor recreation shall
21 submit a report to the appropriate policy and fiscal committees of
22 the legislature and to the governor by June 30, 2005. The report
23 shall include an inventory of recent habitat and recreational land
24 acquisitions and a recommended statewide strategy for coordination
25 of future acquisitions.

26 (a) The inventory shall include habitat and recreational land
27 acquisitions and disposals since 1980 by state agencies. For the
28 purpose of this inventory, "land acquisition" means fee simple
29 acquisition or less than a fee simple interest if that interest is
30 for more than fifty years. Land acquisitions by state agencies

1 include those funded by state agencies but owned by local
2 governments. The inventory shall:

3 (i) Include information about land acquisitions and disposals
4 that involved land trading or swapping between public and private
5 entities, and land acquisitions that were gifts;

6 (ii) Specify principal use of the acquired parcels and other
7 data compatible with the 1999 inventory;

8 (iii) Specify the agency or local government acquiring or
9 disposing of the property, the costs of the land acquisition or
10 receipts from the disposal, the funding sources, and whether the
11 land acquisition was funded under a legislative appropriation, an
12 unanticipated receipt, and/or exchange of land parcels; and

13 (iv) Include any additional information local governments may
14 provide to the inventory about habitat and recreational land
15 acquisitions by land trusts, conservancies, port districts, public
16 utility districts, and other parties that result in the property's
17 change to a tax exempt status.

18 (b) The recommended statewide strategy for coordination of
19 habitat and recreation acquisitions by state agencies, regardless
20 of fund source, should be consistent with the priorities, policies
21 and criteria of chapter 79A.15 RCW and, if not, identify what
22 priorities, policies and goals should apply. The recommended
23 statewide coordinated strategy should:

24 (i) Ensure that land acquisition and disposal decisions are
25 based on a determination of need for recreational and habitat lands
26 compared to existing public lands serving those purposes in various
27 areas of the state;

28 (ii) Specify how to provide a central, interagency point of
29 coordination to ensure that land acquisitions by state agencies,
30 including land acquisitions funded through unanticipated receipts,
31 are consistent with statewide priorities, policies and goals;

32 (iii) Examine alternative ways to compensate local governments
33 by spreading statewide the impact of lost tax revenues from
34 acquisitions of property for habitat and recreation;

35 (iv) Consider options for a no net gain policy in counties with
36 large portions of existing public habitat and recreational land;
37 and

38 (v) Consider what policies, priorities, and goals may apply to
39 the statewide coordinated strategy. The report may consider

1 population based goals for recreation needs, changes in use of
2 public lands, provisions for scenic areas and green ways, wildlife
3 corridors, forest buffers, designated critical areas, local, state
4 and federal wildlife protection plans, and multi-use functions of
5 existing publicly owned lands."

6 Correct the title.

EFFECT: The striking amendment focuses on recommendations for interagency coordination of an acquisition strategy rather than centralized control of implementation of the strategy. The requirement that the report examine ways to compensate local governments does not specifically mention payment in lieu of taxes in the striking amendment. In addition, the striking amendment authorizes consideration of multiple uses of public lands.