
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5518

State of Washington

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By Senate Committee on Natural Resources, Energy & Water (originally sponsored by Senators Hargrove, Morton, Doumit, Honeyford, Hale and Mulliken)

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1 AN ACT Relating to purchase of land by state agencies; and adding
2 a new section to chapter 79.01 RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 79.01 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) A state agency or department may not purchase in fee simple a
7 privately owned parcel of land in excess of five contiguous acres in
8 any county for habitat conservation, ecosystem preservation, wetland
9 mitigation, or endangered species protection except under the
10 provisions of subsections (2) and (3) of this section.

11 (2) An agency may purchase more than five contiguous acres under
12 the provisions of this section if: (a) The appropriate county
13 legislative authority or authorities have been given the opportunity to
14 hold a public hearing on the transaction; and (b) following the county
15 legislative authorities hearing, the legislature takes specific action
16 directing the agency to make the purchase.

17 (3) When land is purchased by a state agency or department, the
18 agency or department must post a bond or otherwise financially

1 guarantee that the land will be managed for the control of noxious
2 weeds.

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