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By Senators Brown, Winsley, Fraser, Kline and Kohl-Welles

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1 AN ACT Relating to sustainable practices by state agencies; adding  
2 a new chapter to Title 43 RCW; making an appropriation; and providing  
3 an expiration date.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature declares that the individual  
6 and collective actions of the present generation of Washington citizens  
7 should not jeopardize the potential of future generations of  
8 Washingtonians to experience a quality of life at least comparable to  
9 that enjoyed today. To this end all state agencies should examine and  
10 modify their programs and actions to adopt sustainable practices, and  
11 all governmental agencies and officials should assess the impacts of  
12 their decisions on both present and future generations. The  
13 legislature recognizes the contributions of the governor's sustainable  
14 Washington advisory panel in guiding the state toward sustainability,  
15 and specifically recognizes and adopts the panel's goal of achieving a  
16 fully sustainable Washington within one generation.

17 Therefore, it is the purpose of this chapter to adopt sustainable  
18 practices by all state agencies to contribute toward achieving this  
19 goal, and to provide for a state-level entity to focus discussion and

1 analysis of sustainability. It is further the purpose of this chapter  
2 to provide advice and recommendations to the governor and legislature  
3 for the effective implementation of measures to achieve this goal.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) The governor shall create a sustainable  
5 Washington advisory panel. The governor may choose to continue with  
6 the panel created by the governor and in existence on the effective  
7 date of this act, modify that panel's membership, or create a new  
8 panel. The primary task of the panel shall be to provide advice to the  
9 governor and the legislature on implementing the panel's report, "A New  
10 Path Forward: Action Plan for a Sustainable Washington." The panel  
11 shall be staffed by the office of financial management. The panel  
12 shall ensure that the "New Path Forward" report is readily accessible  
13 for public review, including providing a hard copy upon request and  
14 posting on an electronic web site.

15 (2) The panel shall work with the governor's staff to provide a  
16 forum for state agency discussion and analysis of sustainable practices  
17 issues. The panel shall also serve as a resource to all state agencies  
18 regarding sustainable practices. The panel may provide recommendations  
19 directly to a state agency regarding opportunities to align an agency  
20 practice or program with the sustainability goals of this chapter and  
21 the action plan identified in this section.

22 (3) The panel shall also convene forums and use other means to  
23 encourage sustainable practices across all sectors, including, but not  
24 limited to, local governments, businesses, and nongovernmental  
25 nonprofit organizations. The panel shall encourage broad public  
26 participation across these sectors and from all geographic areas of the  
27 state.

28 (4) The panel shall build upon its existing action plan to address  
29 the use of performance measures to track progress toward the statewide  
30 goal of sustainability, and to consider specific practices that would  
31 promote the essential strategic outcomes addressed in the "New Path  
32 Forward" report. The panel's analysis should include a broad range of  
33 conditions, including, at a minimum, economic vitality, social justice,  
34 education, public health, energy, natural resources, waste and  
35 recycling, and air and water quality.

36 (5) On or about January 1, 2005, July 1, 2005, and January 1, 2006,  
37 the panel shall provide progress reports to the governor and

1 legislature on implementation of the action plan and other agency  
2 activities to achieve sustainable practices. The final progress report  
3 shall also include recommendations for strengthening state agency  
4 oversight and coordination to achieve the goal stated in section 1 of  
5 this act.

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** Sections 1 and 2 of this act constitute a  
7 new chapter in Title 43 RCW.

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** The sum of fifty thousand dollars, or as  
9 much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the general fund  
10 to the office of financial management for the fiscal year ending June  
11 30, 2005, to carry out the purposes of this act.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** Section 2 of this act expires June 30, 2006.

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