

5140-S

Sponsor(s): Senate Committee on Parks, Fish & Wildlife (originally sponsored by Senator Carlson)

Brief Description: Using revenues under the county conservation futures levy.

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(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Finds that conservation futures are a useful tool for counties to preserve lands of public interest for future generations. Counties are encouraged to use some conservation futures as one tool for salmon restoration purposes.

Provides that the amount of revenue used for maintenance and operations of parks and recreational facilities may not exceed twenty-five percent of the total amount collected from the tax levied under RCW 84.34.230 in the preceding calendar year. Revenues from this tax may not be used to supplant existing maintenance and operation funding. Any rights or interests in real property acquired under this act must be located within the assessing county.

Provides that in counties with a population of five hundred thousand or more, the board of county commissioners or county legislative authority shall develop a process to ensure a distribution of conservation futures funds, over time, throughout the county.