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1 AN ACT Relating to the Puget Sound partnership leadership council;
2 and amending RCW 90.71.230.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 90.71.230 and 2007 c 341 s 5 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) The leadership council shall have the power and duty to:

7 (a) Provide leadership and have responsibility for the functions of
8 the partnership, including adopting, revising, and guiding the
9 implementation of the action agenda, allocating funds for Puget Sound
10 recovery, research, data collection, and providing progress and other
11 reports, setting strategic priorities and benchmarks, adopting and
12 applying accountability measures, and making appointments to the board
13 and panel;

14 (b) Adopt rules, in accordance with chapter 34.05 RCW;

15 (c) Create subcommittees and advisory committees as appropriate to
16 assist the council;

17 (d) Enter into, amend, and terminate contracts with individuals,
18 corporations, nonprofit organizations, or research institutions to
19 effectuate the purposes of this chapter;

1 (e) Make grants to governmental and nongovernmental entities to
2 effectuate the purposes of this chapter, including those purposes
3 described in (a) of this subsection;

4 (f) Receive such gifts, grants, and endowments, in trust or
5 otherwise, for the use and benefit of the partnership to effectuate the
6 purposes of this chapter;

7 (g) Promote extensive public awareness, education, and
8 participation in Puget Sound protection and recovery;

9 (h) Work collaboratively with the Hood Canal coordinating council
10 established in chapter 90.88 RCW on Hood Canal-specific issues;

11 (i) Maintain complete and consolidated financial information to
12 ensure that all funds received and expended to implement the action
13 agenda have been accounted for; and

14 (j) (~~Such other powers and~~) Perform other duties as are necessary
15 and appropriate to carry out the provisions of this chapter, including
16 the establishment of nonprofit organizations.

17 (2) The council may delegate functions to the chair and to the
18 executive director, however the council may not delegate its decisional
19 authority regarding developing or amending the action agenda.

20 (3) The council shall work closely with existing organizations and
21 all levels of government to ensure that the action agenda and its
22 implementation are scientifically sound, efficient, and achieve
23 necessary results to accomplish recovery of Puget Sound to health by
24 2020.

25 (4) The council shall support, engage, and foster collaboration
26 among watershed groups to assist in the recovery of Puget Sound.

27 (5) When working with federally recognized Indian tribes to develop
28 and implement the action agenda, the council shall conform to the
29 procedures and standards required in a government-to-governmental
30 relationship with tribes under the 1989 Centennial Accord between the
31 state of Washington and the sovereign tribal governments in the state
32 of Washington.

33 (6) Members of the council shall be compensated in accordance with
34 RCW 43.03.220 and be reimbursed for travel expenses in accordance with
35 RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.

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