

2 **SHB 2628 - H AMD 0115 ADOPTED 2/15/92**

3 By Representative R. King, Nealey and Prince

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5 Beginning on page 2, after line 5, strike the remainder of the bill
6 and insert the following:

7 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. The department of wildlife shall appoint
8 a technical advisory committee to assist in developing recommended best
9 habitat management practices that may be used with land management
10 activities in agriculture and range management. These practices shall
11 be designed to maintain or improve sufficient habitat to preserve,
12 protect, and perpetuate wildlife and fish. The technical advisory
13 committee shall consist of scientists representing a broad spectrum of
14 interests including agriculture, academia, the Washington state
15 conservation commission, conservation districts, and the departments of
16 ecology, fisheries, and natural resources. The department shall
17 complete these best habitat management practices by August 31, 1993,
18 and shall report to the appropriate legislative committees by that
19 date. The department shall transmit copies of its finished product to
20 the Washington state conservation commission, the Washington state
21 conservation districts, the Washington State University agricultural
22 extension service, and other interested parties."

23 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. The departments of wildlife and natural
24 resources shall study methods of application of best habitat management
25 practices as standards to agricultural and grazing lands owned or
26 managed by the departments. The study shall recognize the multiple use
27 concept in chapter 79.68 RCW for application of recommended best

1 habitat management practices to lands owned or managed by the
2 department of natural resources. The departments shall jointly report
3 to the appropriate legislative committees by November 30, 1993, on the
4 following:

5 (1) Ownership and acreage of state-owned and managed lands to which
6 best habitat management practices are applicable;

7 (2) Feasible techniques to implement best habitat management
8 practices; and

9 (3) A reasonable time frame for implementation of best habitat
10 management practices on state-owned and managed agricultural and
11 grazing lands."

12 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. Washington State University shall report
13 to the appropriate legislative committees by December 31, 1993, on how
14 to best integrate fish and wildlife considerations with the existing
15 curriculum in the university's agriculture department and with the
16 university cooperative extension service. The university shall also
17 report on the feasibility and cost of creating a rotational assignment
18 with the department of wildlife to accomplish cross-training in
19 wildlife and fish habitat management and farm and grazing management."

20 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 5. A new section is added to chapter 28B.30
21 RCW to read as follows:

22 The director of the extension service of Washington State
23 University shall make available to the public, within budget and
24 staffing constraints, information provided by the state departments of
25 fisheries and wildlife on best habitat management practices for
26 agriculture and range management."