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3 On page 1, strike everything after the enacting clause and  
4 insert the following:

5 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that:

6 (1) In times of decreasing revenues and increasing demands, it  
7 is critically important to ensure the efficient use of scarce  
8 financial resources by avoiding overlap and duplication of effort  
9 among watershed-based planning efforts;

10 (2) Comprehensive planning for the management of natural  
11 resources on a watershed basis is desirable because it has the  
12 potential to address multiple concerns in an integrated and  
13 efficient manner;

14 (3) Implementation of watershed-based planning may be  
15 complicated by multiple land ownerships, different management  
16 missions and objectives, different ways of collecting information,  
17 and legal constraints such as federal and state antitrust statutes;

18 (4) Many different entities, including federal, state, and  
19 local governments, tribes, and landowners are already conducting  
20 watershed-based planning, research, and monitoring programs;

21 (5) There exists a compelling need for coordination of these  
22 various watershed-based planning efforts and for a consistent  
23 process for collecting and sharing information and data among all  
24 interested parties; and

25 (6) There also exists a compelling need to identify regional  
26 natural resource goals and objectives as a clear direction for  
27 future planning efforts.

28 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) State agencies involved in  
29 watershed-based natural resource planning efforts shall coordinate  
30 their planning and implementation processes. These cooperating

1 state agencies shall include, but not be limited to, the  
2 departments of natural resources, agriculture, ecology, fish and  
3 wildlife, health, and community, trade, and economic development;  
4 the Puget Sound water quality authority; and the office of the  
5 governor. These agencies will meet as a group and include at those  
6 meetings representatives of federal agencies, local governments,  
7 tribes, private landowners, environmental groups, and other  
8 interested parties.

9 (2) The commissioner of public lands shall coordinate  
10 discussions of watershed-based natural resource planning among  
11 these various parties. The department of natural resources will  
12 provide a reasonable level of staff support for the work of the  
13 group.

14 (3) On or before December 15, 1994, the department of natural  
15 resources shall prepare a report for the legislature based on the  
16 group's discussions and findings. At a minimum this report shall  
17 include:

18 (a) Identification of barriers to coordination and cooperation  
19 in watershed-based planning and management of natural resources;

20 (b) Recommendations on the collection, storage, and  
21 maintenance of information in watershed analysis, planning,  
22 monitoring, and research programs. These recommendations could  
23 lead to the establishment of protocols governing data collection  
24 and information exchange;

25 (c) Identification of actual and potential overlap and  
26 duplication of effort in watershed-based natural resource planning  
27 efforts;

28 (d) Identification of gaps of coverage in existing and  
29 proposed watershed planning projects; and

30 (e) Examination of the possible establishment of a central  
31 depository and of a process for periodically updating and  
32 distributing information on watershed-based natural resource  
33 planning efforts.

1           NEW SECTION.   **Sec. 3.** The governor shall establish a process  
2 which yields: (1) the identification of strategies for developing  
3 cooperative watershed-based planning efforts, which shall in turn  
4 lead to identification of regional, results-oriented goals and  
5 objectives for the management of natural resources in the state of  
6 Washington; (2) the identification of approaches for coordinating  
7 and financing the implementation of watershed-based plans; and (3)  
8 recommendations for on-going, program-level coordination of  
9 watershed-based natural resource planning and management  
10 activities..   In developing this process, the legislature  
11 encourages the governor to seek input from all interested parties.  
12 By December 15, 1995, the governor shall submit his recommendations  
13 to the legislature for possible adoption as state policy."