
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1389

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By House Committee on Environmental Affairs (originally sponsored by Representatives Fraser, Winsley, Rust and Belcher).

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1 AN ACT Relating to aquatic plants; adding new sections to chapter
2 43.21A RCW; adding a new section to chapter 46.16 RCW; creating a new
3 section; and making an appropriation.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature hereby finds that
6 Eurasian water milfoil and other freshwater aquatic weeds can adversely
7 affect fish populations, reduce habitat for desirable plant and
8 wildlife species, and decrease public recreational opportunities. The
9 legislature further finds that the spread of freshwater aquatic weeds
10 is a state-wide problem and requires a coordinated response among state
11 agencies, local governments, and the public. It is therefore the
12 intent of the legislature to establish a funding source to reduce the
13 propagation of Eurasian water milfoil and other freshwater aquatic
14 weeds and to manage the problems created by such freshwater aquatic
15 plants.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 43.21A RCW
2 to read as follows:

3 The freshwater aquatic weeds account is hereby created in the state
4 treasury. Expenditures from this account may only be used as provided
5 in section 4 of this act. All earnings from the investment of balances
6 in the freshwater aquatic weeds account, except as provided in RCW
7 43.84.090, shall be deposited into the freshwater aquatic weeds
8 account. Moneys in the account may be spent only after appropriation.

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 46.16 RCW
10 to read as follows:

11 In addition to any other fee required under this chapter, boat
12 trailers shall annually pay a fee of three dollars. The proceeds of
13 this fee shall be deposited in the freshwater aquatic weeds account
14 under section 2 of this act.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** A new section is added to chapter 43.21A RCW
16 to read as follows:

17 Funds in the freshwater aquatic weeds account may be appropriated
18 to the department of ecology to develop a freshwater aquatic weeds
19 management program to:

20 (1) Issue grants to cities, counties, and state agencies to
21 prevent, remove, reduce, or manage excessive freshwater aquatic weeds.
22 Such grants shall only be issued for lakes, rivers, or streams with a
23 public boat access. The department shall give preference to projects
24 having matching funds or in-kind services;

25 (2) Develop public education programs relating to preventing the
26 propagation and spread of freshwater aquatic weeds;

27 (3) Provide technical assistance to local governments and citizen
28 groups; and

1 (4) Fund demonstration or pilot projects consistent with the
2 purposes of this section.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** The sum of one million five hundred
4 thousand dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, is
5 appropriated for the biennium ending June 30, 1993, from the freshwater
6 aquatic weeds account to the department of ecology for the purposes of
7 section 4 of this act.