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By Representatives Jacobsen, Basich and Bowman.

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1            AN ACT Relating to ocean resources information; and adding a new  
2 section to chapter 43.143 RCW.

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

4            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 43.143 RCW  
5 to read as follows:

6            (1) The state of Washington is hereby authorized to participate  
7 with the states of Alaska, Hawaii, Oregon, and California in a joint  
8 liaison program with the center for ocean analysis and prediction of  
9 the national oceanic and atmospheric administration, with the objective  
10 of assisting the states in taking maximum advantage of the  
11 oceanographic data, products, and services available from the federal  
12 government through the center for ocean analysis and prediction.

13            (2) The liaison program shall:

1 (a) Assist state and local governments to become fully aware of  
2 oceanographic data and products available from the federal government  
3 and especially from the center for ocean analysis and prediction;

4 (b) Assist the center for ocean analysis and prediction and the  
5 national oceanic and atmospheric administration to become more fully  
6 aware of state and local problems and the requirements of state and  
7 local governments; and

8 (c) Assist in setting up lines of communications to move  
9 oceanographic data and products from the center for ocean analysis and  
10 prediction to the people in the states who need those data and  
11 products.

12 (3) The liaison program shall include workshops for small groups of  
13 technical experts from state and local governments, academic  
14 institutions, and the private sector. The workshops shall be held at  
15 the center for ocean analysis and prediction in Monterey, California  
16 and at other facilities in the western states as appropriate.

17 (4) This section shall not become operative until at least one  
18 other state participates in the joint liaison program.

19 (5) The department of ecology and the department of natural  
20 resources shall be the state representatives in the liaison program.