
ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2630

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1 AN ACT Relating to fish and wildlife education; and adding a new
2 chapter to Title 28A RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature declares that it is of
5 vital importance that the state's youth be educated in the importance
6 of fish and wildlife as components of the ecosystem. The legislature
7 finds that there is a lack of funding and focus in the state for
8 education of Washington's youth in the important environmental issues
9 of fish and wildlife preservation and management.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The governor shall appoint a fish and
11 wildlife education council, or use the existing governor's council on
12 environmental education created in 1990 by executive order 90-06, to
13 accomplish the following:

1 (1) Raise and distribute public and private funds for the purpose
2 of providing environmental education programs, emphasizing the
3 importance of species conservation and fish and wildlife as indicators
4 of ecosystem health, and projects in fish and wildlife preservation and
5 management to public and private elementary and secondary schools; and

6 (2) Support the interdisciplinary programs that integrate fish and
7 wildlife preservation and management with other areas of environmental
8 education.

9 Educational programs must be balanced and talk about the economic
10 costs as well as the economic benefits of species conservation.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** If a new fish and wildlife education
12 council is appointed under section 2 of this act, it shall not commence
13 its duties until:

14 (1) Legislation is enacted that makes specific moneys available for
15 council activities, referencing this act by bill number, chapter
16 number, or statute; or

17 (2) Moneys from private or public donors are made available for
18 council activities.

19 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** Sections 1 through 3 of this act shall
20 constitute a new chapter in Title 28A RCW.