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1 AN ACT Relating to acquisition of land by state agencies; adding a
2 new section to chapter 43.19 RCW; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 43.19 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) All state agencies shall hold a minimum of three public
7 hearings before the purchase of a total of more than one hundred acres
8 of land in a county in a budget year. The hearings shall be held in
9 the county where the land is to be purchased.

10 (2) After the hearings and before making the purchase or a legal
11 commitment to purchase, the state agency shall make written findings of
12 fact that the economic losses suffered by the county and caused by the
13 deprivation of the property will be offset by the economic gain to the

1 county resulting from the purchase and subsequent use of the property
2 by the state agency.

3 (3) The county in which the property is located may waive the
4 protection of either subsection (1) or (2) of this section or both upon
5 the affirmative vote of a majority of its elected legislative body.

6 (4) Nothing in subsection (1) or (2) of this section shall prohibit
7 a state agency from purchasing options to buy land prior to holding the
8 required hearings.

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** This act is necessary for the immediate
10 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
11 state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take
12 effect immediately.