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5 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
6 following:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

29 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) State agencies involved in watershed-
30 based natural resource planning efforts shall coordinate their planning
31 processes. These cooperating state agencies shall include, but not be
32 limited to, the departments of natural resources, agriculture, ecology,
33 fish and wildlife, health, and community, trade, and economic
34 development; the Puget Sound water quality authority; and the office of
35 the governor. These agencies will meet as a group and include at those

1 meetings representatives of federal agencies, local governments,
2 tribes, private landowners, environmental groups, and other interested
3 parties.

4 (2) The commissioner of public lands shall coordinate discussions
5 of watershed-based natural resource planning among these various
6 parties. The department of natural resources will provide a reasonable
7 level of staff support for the work of the group.

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

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

14 (b) Recommendations on the collection, storage, and maintenance of
15 information in watershed analysis, planning, monitoring, and research
16 programs. These recommendations could lead to the establishment of
17 protocols governing data collection and information exchange;

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

20 (d) Identification of gaps of coverage in existing and proposed
21 watershed planning projects; and

22 (e) Examination of the possible establishment of a central
23 depository and of a process for periodically updating and distributing
24 information on watershed-based natural resource planning efforts.

25 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The governor shall establish a process that
26 yields: (1) The identification of regional, results-oriented goals and
27 objectives for the management of natural resources in the state of
28 Washington, and (2) recommendations for ongoing, program-level
29 coordination of watershed-based natural resource planning and
30 management activities. In developing this process, the legislature
31 encourages the governor to seek input from all interested parties. By
32 December 15, 1995, the governor shall submit the recommendations to the
33 legislature for possible adoption as state policy."

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