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2 **ESHB 2741** - S AMD TO NAT COMM AMD (S5619.1) - 000463

3 By Senators Owen and Rinehart

4 ADOPTED 3/4/94

5 On page 1, line 24 of the amendment, strike "and"

6 On page 1, line 27 of the amendment, after "other" insert "; and
7 (7) Coordination of state, federal, and local resources is needed
8 to maximize the value of the state's forty million dollar biennial
9 investment in anadromous fish protection to improve stocks in critical
10 and depressed condition"

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14 On page 2, after line 33 of the amendment, insert the following:

15 "(4) The commissioner of public lands shall cochair with the
16 director of the department of fish and wildlife, a committee named the
17 watershed council. The council shall consist of, but not be limited
18 to, the director of the department of ecology, the secretary of
19 transportation, the chair of the conservation commission, a
20 representative of forest landowners, and a representative of
21 agricultural landowners for the purpose of coordinating the state's
22 efforts in addressing threatened anadromous fish resources and to
23 preclude endangered species listings. The council shall coordinate the
24 allocation of state resources in conjunction with federal, tribal,
25 private, and local resources for watershed restoration and protection
26 in order to maximize the state's effort to improve fish stocks in
27 critical and depressed condition. The coordination is intended to
28 maximize the expenditure of public funds, not to change statutory
29 mandates for specific programs.

30 The council shall report to the appropriate policy and fiscal
31 committees of the legislature on or before December 15, 1994. The
32 report shall include a plan for coordinating and targeting existing and
33 new state, federal, and local resources toward this goal of precluding
34 endangered species listings. It will be the goal that at least fifty

1 percent of the fiscal year 1995 watershed-related expenditures be
2 targeted for this purpose. This plan shall include: (a) A prioritized
3 listing of watersheds based on department of natural resources
4 watershed analysis and department of fish and wildlife stock
5 assessments; (b) a definition of the geographical unit for watershed
6 management that all state agencies shall use; (c) recommendations for
7 the establishment of common protocols governing data collection and a
8 central depository of information to be used by all state agencies
9 involved in watershed management efforts; (d) an identification of gaps
10 of coverage in existing and proposed watershed planning efforts; (e) an
11 identification of state agency responsibilities by watershed; (f) an
12 identification of barriers to state agency cooperation in watershed
13 management efforts and recommendations to overcome such barriers; (g)
14 an identification of barriers and incentives to encourage local
15 government and private landowner cooperation in watershed management
16 activities; and (h) recommendations for integration of watershed
17 habitat protection with land use planning and regulation by local
18 governments under the growth management act."

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