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By House Committee on Fisheries & Wildlife (originally sponsored by Representatives Jacobsen, Ogden, G. Cole, R. Fisher, J. Kohl, Anderson, Appelwick, Thibaudeau, King, Johanson and Locke)

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1 AN ACT Relating to urban wildlife management areas; adding a new
2 section to chapter 77.12 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that areas of the
5 state of Washington hold significance for wildlife habitat, study, and
6 recreation. Those areas located near major urban areas and important
7 research institutions possess unique potential for study and research
8 into the development, management, and use of natural systems in urban
9 environments.

10 It is the intent of the legislature to protect and enhance these
11 areas for the following purposes:

12 (1) Use as wildlife habitat;

13 (2) Application of rational practices for the management of
14 biological systems in urban environments;

15 (3) Biological, environmental, and landscape architectural research
16 and teaching;

17 (4) Recreational enjoyment of nature that is compatible with the
18 environment; and

1 (5) Protection from development or construction other than that
2 necessary to accomplish the purposes listed in this section.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 77.12 RCW
4 to read as follows:

5 (1) The Union Bay portion of Lake Washington is recognized as a
6 prime wetland area that is of significant importance for wildlife
7 habitat, educational opportunity, and recreation. It is also situated
8 near an important research institution, the University of Washington.

9 (2) By December 31, 1994, the department shall develop a management
10 plan for the Union Bay cooperative wildlife habitat management area.
11 The plan shall:

12 (a) Identify the boundaries of the Union Bay cooperative wildlife
13 habitat management area;

14 (b) Suggest methods of restoring the Union Bay watershed to a more
15 natural state;

16 (c) Using existing data and knowledge, identify without conducting
17 field surveys, wildlife resources of, wildlife management objectives
18 for, and compatible uses with wildlife in the Union Bay cooperative
19 wildlife habitat management area;

20 (d) Present a strategy for accomplishing the wildlife objectives;
21 and

22 (e) Identify appropriate environmental education opportunities for
23 the area.

24 (3) The department shall establish an advisory committee to provide
25 technical assistance and policy guidance. Membership on the committee
26 shall include but not be limited to persons representing the interests
27 of federal, state, and local governmental entities, Indian tribes,
28 relevant property owners and community members, business, and the
29 environmental community.

30 (4) By December 31, 1993, the department shall provide a progress
31 report to the house of representatives fisheries and wildlife committee
32 and the senate committee on parks and ecology.

33 (5) The department may solicit gifts, grants, conveyances,
34 bequests, and devises, whether real or personal property, or both, in
35 trust or otherwise, to be directed to the department for carrying out
36 the purposes of this section. The department may solicit contracts for
37 work, financial and in-kind contributions, and support from private

1 industries, interest groups, federal and state sources, and other
2 sources, for the purposes of this section.

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