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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 significant importance for wildlife habitat,
6 study, and recreation. Those areas located near major urban areas and
7 important research institutions possess unique potential for study and
8 research into the development, management, and use of natural systems
9 in urban 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-Ravenna Creek cooperative wildlife habitat
11 management area. The plan shall:

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

14 (b) Suggest methods of restoring the Union Bay-Ravenna Creek
15 watershed to a more natural state, such as daylighting Ravenna Creek;

16 (c) Identify wildlife resources of, wildlife management objectives
17 for, and compatible uses with wildlife in the Union Bay-Ravenna Creek
18 cooperative wildlife habitat management area;

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

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

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

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

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