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HOUSE BILL 2602

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By Representatives Jacobsen and Wang

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1 AN ACT Relating to ornithological research; creating new sections;  
2 providing an effective date; and providing an expiration date.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that many talented  
5 citizens of Washington state have an interest in ornithology, and that  
6 countless volunteer hours are spent by these citizens participating in  
7 research and enhancement projects. The legislature further finds that  
8 ornithological research is not coordinated state-wide, nor is it funded  
9 adequately at the state level. It is the intent of the legislature to  
10 create an opportunity for a state-citizen partnership that will  
11 maximize the knowledge gained by coordinated research and will minimize  
12 the cost of such research.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The director of the department of fish and  
14 wildlife shall appoint a nine-member advisory committee to develop an  
15 ornithological research plan. Membership on the committee shall  
16 include but not be limited to persons representing recognized  
17 Washington state ornithologists; members of the academic community in  
18 ornithology or related fields; amateur birdwatchers; federal, state,

1 and local agencies; Indian tribes; and the environmental community. The  
2 advisory committee shall elect a chairperson, and shall meet at least  
3 quarterly. Members of the committee shall receive no additional  
4 compensation for their services, however travel expenses shall be  
5 allowed in accordance with RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060. Decisions of  
6 the committee shall be subject to final approval by the director.

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The advisory committee shall prepare an  
8 ornithological research plan that emphasizes the use of citizen  
9 volunteers in conducting the research. The committee shall submit the  
10 plan to the appropriate committees of the legislature by December 31,  
11 1995. The plan shall consist of the following:

- 12 (1) A prioritization of ornithological research needs in the state;
- 13 (2) An implementation plan for completing the research;
- 14 (3) A proposed budget for implementation; and
- 15 (4) Ways of incorporating volunteer activity and citizen donations  
16 into ornithological research.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** The committee may solicit gifts, grants,  
18 conveyances, bequests, and devises, whether of real or personal  
19 property, or both, in fee or less than fee, in trust or otherwise, to  
20 be directed to the department for the purposes outlined in section 3 of  
21 this act. The committee may solicit contracts for work, financial and  
22 in-kind contributions, and support from private industries, interest  
23 groups, federal and state sources, and other sources for the purposes  
24 of this chapter.

25 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** This act shall take effect July 1, 1994.

26 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** This act shall expire January 1, 1996.

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