

2 **ESSB 6666** - H COMM AMD **ADOPTED 2-29-96**
3 By Committee on Agriculture & Ecology

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

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** Until the department of ecology can assume
8 full financial responsibility to maintain the water quality and treat
9 nuisance weeds and algae in Washington state lakes, shoreline property
10 owners may use any federally approved herbicide following label
11 application requirements for control of nuisance weeds. The treatment
12 of lake waters by licensed pesticide applicators with federally
13 approved herbicides and algicides following federal label application
14 requirements is not considered pollution. The department of ecology
15 using existing department personnel and resources must develop a
16 general long-term plan to maintain lake health and must allow weed
17 algae treatment until a plan is completed, funded, and implemented.

18 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** Solutions to lake weed and algae problems
19 must be long term and the use of herbicides is allowed following
20 federal label application requirements for the long-term period of up
21 to ten years while plans and funding for a permanent solution are being
22 secured by the department of ecology.

23 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** There is created a committee to develop a
24 Washington state lake health plan. The committee shall submit the plan
25 to the legislature by December 1, 1997. The committee shall consist of
26 the chair and ranking minority member of the senate agriculture and
27 agricultural trade and development, ecology and parks, and government
28 operations committees, and the house of representatives agriculture and
29 ecology, natural resources, and government operations committees.

30 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** Sections 1 and 2 of this act are each added
31 to chapter 90.48 RCW.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** This act is necessary for the immediate
2 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
3 state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take
4 effect immediately."

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8 On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "weeds;" strike the remainder
9 of the title and insert "adding new sections to chapter 90.48 RCW;
10 creating a new section; and declaring an emergency."

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