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3 By Senators Haugen and Fraser

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5 On page 1, beginning on line 10, delete "and that" through the
6 land" on page 5, line 35 and insert "and that local governments should
7 be provided assistance in both the delineation of wetlands and the
8 assessment of wetlands function and types, for the purpose of designing
9 more effective conservation programs.

10 "Sec. 2. RCW 90.58.380 and 1995 c 382 s 11 are each amended to
11 read as follows:

12 (1) The department by rule shall adopt a manual for the delineation
13 of wetlands under this chapter that implements and is consistent with
14 the 1987 manual in use on January 1, 1995, by the United States army
15 corps of engineers and the United States environmental protection
16 agency. If the corps of engineers and the environmental protection
17 agency adopt changes to or a different manual, the department shall
18 consider those changes and may adopt rules implementing those changes.

19 (2) Prior to June 30, 1999, the department shall expand the manual
20 to provide guidance on both functions and structure of wetlands,
21 including methods for measuring and monitoring the achievement of
22 wetland functions in the case of wetlands created or restored as
23 mitigation for other wetland impacts. The manual shall be designed to
24 assist local governments in developing critical areas development
25 regulations and to assist local governments planning under chapter
26 36.70A RCW to achieve the goals of that chapter."

27 Renumber the sections consecutively and correct any internal
28 references accordingly.

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4 On page 1, on line 2 of the title, after "amending", delete "RCW
5 90.58.030 and 36.70.060" and insert "RCW 90.58.030"

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EFFECT: Deletes provisions of the bill regarding pre-1987 nonwetland uses and provisions amending the Growth Management Act, and amends 1995 legislation to expand requirements regarding use of the wetlands delineation manual.