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1 AN ACT Relating to preparation of a model wetlands mitigation
2 banking ordinance; and adding a new section to chapter 36.70A RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 36.70A RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 As part of its technical assistance program, the department shall
7 prepare a model wetlands mitigation banking ordinance for optional use
8 by cities and counties. The purpose of the model ordinance is to
9 promote mitigation banking by encouraging consistency among counties
10 and cities, while respecting local autonomy, and by providing counties
11 and cities with technical expertise. For purposes of this section,
12 "wetlands mitigation banking" means the restoration, creation,
13 enhancement, or, in exceptional circumstances, preservation of wetlands
14 for the purpose of providing compensatory mitigation in advance of
15 unavoidable authorized impacts to similar resources.

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