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SENATE BILL 6116

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By Senators Fairley, Fraser and Spanel

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- 1 AN ACT Relating to the Puget Sound council; and amending RCW 2 90.71.030.

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4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 90.71.030 and 1996 c 138 s 4 are each amended to read 5 as follows:

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

- 6 (1) There is established the Puget Sound council composed of
- 7 ((nine)) eleven members. Seven members shall be appointed by the
- 8 governor. In making these appointments, the governor shall include
- 9 representation from business, the environmental community, agriculture,
- 10 the shellfish industry, counties, cities, and the tribes. ((One)) Two
- 11 members shall be ((a)) members of the senate, one from each of the two
- 12 <u>largest caucuses</u>, selected by the president of the senate and ((one))
- 13 <u>two</u> members shall be ((a)) members of the house of representatives, one
- 14 from each of the two largest caucuses, selected by the speaker of the
- 15 house of representatives. The legislative members shall be nonvoting
- 16 members of the council. Appointments to the council shall reflect
- 17 geographical balance and the diversity of population within the Puget
- 18 Sound basin. Members shall serve four-year terms. Of the initial
- 19 members appointed to the council, two shall serve for two years, two

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- 1 shall serve for three years, and two shall serve for four years.
- 2 Thereafter members shall be appointed to four-year terms. Vacancies
- 3 shall be filled by appointment in the same manner as the original
- 4 appointment for the remainder of the unexpired term of the position
- 5 being vacated. Nonlegislative members shall be reimbursed for travel
- 6 expenses as provided in RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060. Legislative
- 7 members shall be reimbursed as provided in RCW 44.04.120.
 - (2) The council shall:

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- 9 (a) Recommend to the action team projects and activities for 10 inclusion in the biennial work plan;
- 11 (b) Recommend to the action team coordination of work plan
- 12 activities with other relevant activities, including but not limited
- 13 to, agencies' activities other than those funded through the plan,
- 14 local plan initiatives, and governmental and nongovernmental watershed
- 15 restoration and protection activities; and
- 16 (c) Recommend to the action team proposed amendments to the Puget
- 17 Sound management plan.
- 18 (3) The chair of the action team shall convene the council at least
- 19 four times per year and shall jointly convene the council and the
- 20 action team at least two times per year.

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