
SENATE BILL 6231

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By Senators Hargrove, Anderson, Snyder, Swecker, T. Sheldon, Oke and Goings

Read first time . Referred to Committee on .

1 AN ACT Relating to natural area preserves; and creating new
2 sections.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** There is a two-year moratorium on the
5 expansion of any existing natural area preserves or the creation of any
6 new natural area preserves under chapter 79.70 RCW.

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The senate natural resources and parks
8 committee and the ways and means committee, the house of
9 representatives natural resources committee, in concert with all
10 relevant agencies and interested groups shall study the following
11 aspects of the natural area preserves program created under chapter
12 79.70 RCW:

- 13 (1) The goals of the program;
14 (2) The cost of the program;
15 (3) The adequacy of the current natural area preserve lands for
16 scientific studies;
17 (4) Department of natural resources goals and costs;
18 (5) Public use issues;

1 (6) The cost of personnel and equipment to ensure that the public
2 is not allowed access;

3 (7) How many natural area preserves, specified by environmental
4 area, are left to be put into the program, and the cost of the proposed
5 land and future management costs;

6 (8) Sources of continued maintenance funding, including funding
7 from users including K-12 educational programs and higher education
8 institutions;

9 (9) The criteria used to ensure that environmental areas are not
10 duplicated; and

11 (10) The adequacy of the public's and local government's input
12 concerning the selection of lands to be designated as natural area
13 preserves.

14 The study required under this section shall be submitted to the
15 legislature by November 1, 2000.

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