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SENATE BILL 6570

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By Senators Jacobsen, Spanel, Prentice, Haugen and Fraser

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1 AN ACT Relating to the creation of a habitat restoration technical  
2 information clearinghouse; adding a new section to chapter 75.50 RCW;  
3 creating a new section; and making an appropriation.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that there is a need  
6 for greater public education regarding the functioning of healthy,  
7 fish-bearing watersheds. The legislature further finds that volunteer  
8 organizations involved in salmon and steelhead recovery efforts could  
9 benefit greatly from a clearinghouse for technical information on  
10 habitat restoration efforts. It is the intent of the legislature to  
11 create a pilot project within the center for stream side studies that  
12 would serve to educate the public on the functioning of healthy  
13 watersheds and provide technical information to volunteer  
14 organizations.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 75.50 RCW  
16 to read as follows:

1 (1) A public education and technical assistance pilot project is  
2 established within the University of Washington's center for stream  
3 side studies.

4 (2) The purpose of the project is to:

5 (a) Educate the public on the functioning of healthy, fish-bearing  
6 watersheds;

7 (b) Recommend measures that individuals can undertake that will  
8 help to preserve, protect, and restore watersheds in their local area;  
9 and

10 (c) Function as an information clearinghouse to provide the latest  
11 scientific and technical information that will assist volunteer  
12 organizations in their effort to restore salmon and steelhead in  
13 Washington.

14 (3) The center for stream side studies shall use a variety of  
15 methods to widely disseminate information to the public including  
16 training, workshops, and the development of a home page on the  
17 internet.

18 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The sum of thirty thousand dollars, or as  
19 much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for the fiscal year  
20 ending June 30, 1999, from the general fund to the University of  
21 Washington, provided solely for the purposes of this act, and this  
22 amount lapses if it is not applied to or needed for this specific  
23 purpose.

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