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HOUSE BILL 3089

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By Representatives Stensen, Buck, Doumit, Regala, Rockefeller and Santos

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1            AN ACT Relating to providing a method to encourage the development  
2 and sharing of salmon recovery information; adding new sections to  
3 chapter 75.46 RCW; and declaring an emergency.

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

5            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 75.46 RCW  
6 to read as follows:

7            The governor's salmon recovery office, in coordination with the  
8 University of Washington, Washington State University, and other salmon  
9 research institutions located in the state, shall develop and sponsor  
10 an annual salmon science conference. The purpose of the conference is  
11 to encourage a continuing discussion between scientists engaged in  
12 research that is pertinent to salmon recovery, and to foster the  
13 dissemination of scientific information relating to salmon recovery.  
14 The first conference shall take place on or before June 30, 2001.

15            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 75.46 RCW  
16 to read as follows:

17            (1) The Washington rivers center is created at the University of  
18 Washington. The Washington rivers center shall be an independent and

1 politically neutral center within the office of the vice-provost for  
2 research. It is the purpose of the Washington rivers center to provide  
3 independent analysis of data relating to salmon habitat, stream and  
4 river restoration, and river processes. The center shall facilitate  
5 the transfer of emerging technology related to salmon restoration. The  
6 center may also assist in tracking and monitoring salmon restoration  
7 efforts across the state, and may provide feedback and analysis of the  
8 effectiveness of specific habitat restoration projects funded by the  
9 salmon recovery funding board under this chapter, as well as other  
10 habitat restoration projects. The center may engage in basic and  
11 applied river research, the purpose of which is to develop new ideas  
12 and technology related to salmon restoration. The center may engage in  
13 scientific activities that are specifically related to adaptive  
14 management in the context of salmon recovery efforts. Activities of  
15 the center may be used to supplant, but shall not replace, the state  
16 monitoring program and activities.

17 (2) The Washington rivers center is eligible for grants and loans  
18 made by the salmon recovery funding board under RCW 75.46.160.

19 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 75.46 RCW  
20 to read as follows:

21 The Washington rivers center shall be independently staffed, and  
22 may be assisted by the faculty of the University of Washington or other  
23 state higher education institutions. The center may provide funding  
24 for graduate students engaged in studying salmon recovery, stream  
25 restoration, or related issues.

26 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** This act is necessary for the immediate  
27 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the  
28 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect  
29 immediately.

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