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By Senators Fraser, Swecker, Winsley, Fairley, Franklin, Morton, Prentice, Spanel, Jacobsen, Honeyford, Oke and Rasmussen

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1 AN ACT Relating to the freshwater aquatic weeds management program;
2 amending RCW 43.21A.660; and adding a new section to chapter 43.21A
3 RCW.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.21A.660 and 1996 c 190 s 1 are each amended to read
6 as follows:

7 Funds in the freshwater aquatic weeds account may be appropriated
8 to the department of ecology to develop a freshwater aquatic weeds
9 management program ~~((to))~~. Funds shall be expended as follows:

10 (1) ~~((Issue))~~ No less than fifty percent of appropriated funds
11 shall be issued as grants to cities, counties, and state agencies to
12 prevent, remove, reduce, or manage excessive freshwater aquatic weeds.
13 Such grants shall only be issued for lakes, rivers, or streams with a
14 public boat launching ramp. The department shall give preference to
15 projects having matching funds or in-kind services; and

16 (2) No more than fifty percent of appropriated funds shall be
17 expended to:

18 (a) Develop public education programs relating to preventing the
19 propagation and spread of freshwater aquatic weeds;

1 (~~(3)~~) (b) Provide technical assistance to local governments and
2 citizen groups;
3 (~~(4)~~) (c) Fund demonstration or pilot projects consistent with
4 the purposes of this section; and
5 (~~(5)~~) (d) Fund hydrilla eradication activities in waters of the
6 state.

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 43.21A RCW
8 to read as follows:

9 (1) The department shall appoint an advisory committee to oversee
10 the freshwater aquatic weeds management program.

11 (2) The advisory committee shall include representatives from the
12 following groups:

13 (a) Recreational boaters interested in freshwater aquatic weed
14 management;

15 (b) Residents adjacent to lakes, rivers, or streams with public
16 boat launch facilities;

17 (c) Local governments;

18 (d) Scientific specialists; and

19 (e) Aquatic pesticide applicators.

20 (3) The advisory committee shall review and provide recommendations
21 to the department on freshwater aquatic weeds management program
22 activities and budget and establish criteria for grants funded from the
23 freshwater aquatic weeds account.

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