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Sponsor(s): Representative Buck

Brief Title: Creating the salmon recovery foundation.

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Requires that, by September 1, 1999, the governor shall file articles of incorporation in accordance with the Washington nonprofit corporation act, chapter 24.03 RCW, to establish the salmon recovery foundation. The foundation shall not be an agency, instrumentality, or political subdivision of the state.

Directs the foundation to actively seek funding and contributions from federal, state, and private sources to fund the preservation and restoration of the state's critical salmon habitat as provided in this act and in accordance with the applicable laws.

Declares that, in awarding grants over the ten-year period of the foundation, the foundation shall ensure to the maximum extent practicable that each water resource inventory area in the state with a salmon species listed as threatened or endangered under the federal endangered species act receives grant funding for important preservation and restoration actions.