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Sponsor(s): Senate Committee on Environmental Quality & Water Resources (originally sponsored by Senators Fraser, Jacobsen, McAuliffe, Eide, Rasmussen, Fairley, Kohl-Welles, Kline and Spanel)

Brief Title: Creating the Washington environment 21 commission.

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Directs the commission to develop recommendations for legislative and executive consideration and implementation that will: (1) Increase the reliance upon environmental strategies that emphasize market incentives, pollution prevention, public education, and technical assistance;

(2) reduce inefficiency, duplication, and inconsistency in program implementation by local, state, and federal agencies;

(3) achieve greater consistency among the goals, standards, and objectives of existing environmental quality statutes, and assist the legislature in better integrating new statutory goals and objectives to existing statutory provisions;

(4) build upon the recommendations of the land use study commission for integrating the state's environmental and growth management program;

(5) ensure that the relative priority of environmental threats to the state is a central consideration in the development of state operating and capital budgets for environmental programs;

(6) achieve a uniform, consistent, and high-quality periodic assessment of the state's environmental quality, improve monitoring and data management relating to environmental quality, and establish a system to assess state-wide environmental trends over time to assist in developing policies and budgets; and

(7) reduce or eliminate environmental programs or activities that do not provide a substantial contribution to maintaining the state's environmental quality.