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BRIEF DESCRIPTION:

2 SSB 5637 - H AMD TO APP COMM AMD (AMH APP AMH-2460.2)
3 By Representative

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5 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
6 following:

7 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that a comprehensive
8 program of monitoring is fundamental to making sound public policy and
9 programmatic decisions regarding salmon recovery and watershed health.
10 Monitoring provides accountability for results of management actions
11 and provides the data upon which an adaptive management framework can
12 lead to improvement of strategies and programs. Monitoring is also a
13 required element of any salmon recovery plan submitted to the federal
14 government for approval. While numerous agencies and citizen
15 organizations are engaged in monitoring a wide range of salmon recovery
16 and watershed health parameters, there is a greater need for
17 coordination of monitoring efforts, for using limited monitoring
18 resources to obtain information most useful for achieving relevant
19 local, state, and federal requirements regarding watershed health and
20 salmon recovery, and for making the information more accessible to
21 those agencies and organizations implementing watershed health programs
22 and projects. Regarding salmon recovery monitoring, the state
23 independent science panel has concluded that many programs already
24 monitor indicators relevant to salmonids, but the efforts are largely
25 uncoordinated or unlinked among programs, have different objectives,
26 use different indicators, lack support for sharing data, and lack
27 shared statistical designs to address specific issues raised by listing
28 of salmonid species under the federal endangered species act.

29 Therefore, it is the intent of the legislature to encourage the
30 refocusing of existing agency monitoring activities necessary to
31 implement a comprehensive watershed health monitoring program, with a
32 focus on salmon recovery. The program should: Be based on a framework
33 of greater coordination of existing monitoring activities; require
34 monitoring activities most relevant to adopted local, state, and
35 federal watershed health objectives; and facilitate the exchange of
36 monitoring information with agencies and organizations carrying out

1 watershed health, salmon recovery, and water resources management
2 planning and programs.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 90.82 RCW
4 to read as follows:

5 In conducting assessments and other studies that include monitoring
6 components or recommendations, the department and planning units shall
7 implement the monitoring recommendations developed under section 3 of
8 this act.

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 77.85 RCW
10 to read as follows:

11 (1) The monitoring oversight committee is hereby established. The
12 committee shall be comprised of the directors or their designated
13 representatives of:

- 14 (a) The salmon recovery office;
- 15 (b) The department of ecology;
- 16 (c) The department of fish and wildlife;
- 17 (d) The conservation commission;
- 18 (e) The Puget Sound action team;
- 19 (f) The department of natural resources;
- 20 (g) The department of transportation; and
- 21 (h) The interagency committee for outdoor recreation.

22 (2) The director of the salmon recovery office and the chair of the
23 salmon recovery funding board, or their designees, shall cochair the
24 committee. The cochairs shall convene the committee as necessary to
25 develop, for the consideration of the governor and legislature, a
26 comprehensive and coordinated monitoring strategy and action plan on
27 watershed health with a focus on salmon recovery. The committee shall
28 invite representation from the treaty tribes to participate in the
29 committee's efforts. In addition, the committee shall invite
30 participation by other state, local, and federal agencies and other
31 entities as appropriate. The committee shall address the monitoring
32 recommendations of the independent science panel provided under RCW
33 77.85.040(7) and of the joint legislative audit and review committee in
34 its report number 01-1 on investing in the environment.

35 (3) The independent science panel shall act as an advisor to the
36 monitoring oversight committee and shall review all work products

1 developed by the committee and make recommendations to the committee
2 cochairs.

3 (4) A legislative steering committee is created consisting of four
4 legislators. Two of the legislators shall be members of the house of
5 representatives, each representing different major political parties,
6 appointed by the co-speakers of the house of representatives. The
7 other two legislators shall be members of the senate, each representing
8 different major political parties, appointed by the president of the
9 senate. The monitoring oversight committee shall provide briefings to
10 the legislative steering committee on a quarterly basis on the progress
11 that the oversight committee is making on the development of the
12 coordinated monitoring strategy and action plan, and the establishment
13 of an adaptive management framework. The briefings shall include
14 information on how the monitoring strategy will be coordinated with
15 other government efforts, expected benefits and efficiencies that will
16 be achieved, recommended funding sources and funding levels that will
17 ensure stable sources of funding for monitoring, and the efforts and
18 cooperation provided by agencies to improve coordination of their
19 activities.

20 (5) The committee shall make recommendations to individual agencies
21 to improve coordination of monitoring activities.

22 (6) The committee shall:

23 (a) Define the monitoring goals, objectives, and questions that
24 must be addressed as part of a comprehensive statewide salmon recovery
25 monitoring and adaptive management framework;

26 (b) Identify and evaluate existing monitoring activities for
27 inclusion in the framework, while ensuring data consistency and
28 coordination and the filling of monitoring gaps;

29 (c) Recommend statistical designs appropriate to the objectives;

30 (d) Recommend performance measures appropriate to the objectives
31 and targeted to the appropriate geographical, temporal, and biological
32 scales;

33 (e) Recommend standardized monitoring protocols for salmon recovery
34 and watershed health;

35 (f) Recommend procedures to ensure quality assurance and quality
36 control of all relevant data;

37 (g) Recommend data transfer protocols to support easy access,
38 sharing, and coordination among different collectors and users;

1 (h) Recommend ways to integrate monitoring information into
2 decision making;

3 (i) Recommend organizational and governance structures for
4 oversight and implementation of the coordinated monitoring framework;

5 (j) Recommend stable sources of funding that will ensure the
6 continued operation and maintenance of the state's salmon recovery and
7 watershed health monitoring programs, once established; and

8 (k) Identify administrative actions that will be undertaken by
9 state agencies to implement elements of the coordinated monitoring
10 program.

11 (7) In developing the coordinated monitoring strategy, the
12 committee shall coordinate with other appropriate state, federal,
13 local, and tribal monitoring efforts, including but not limited to the
14 Northwest power planning council, the Northwest Indian fisheries
15 commission, the national marine fisheries service, and the United
16 States fish and wildlife service. The committee shall also consult
17 with watershed planning units under chapter 90.82 RCW, lead entities
18 under this chapter, professional organizations, and other appropriate
19 groups.

20 (8) The cochairs shall provide an interim report to the governor
21 and the members of the appropriate legislative committees by March 1,
22 2002, on the progress made in implementing this section. By December
23 1, 2002, the committee shall provide a monitoring strategy and action
24 plan to the governor, and the members of the appropriate legislative
25 committees for achieving a comprehensive watershed health monitoring
26 program with a focus on salmon recovery. The strategy and action plan
27 shall document the results of the committee's actions in addressing the
28 responsibilities described in subsection (6) of this section. In
29 addition, the monitoring strategy and action plan shall include an
30 assessment of existing state agency operations related to monitoring,
31 evaluation, and adaptive management of watershed health and salmon
32 recovery, and shall recommend any operational or statutory changes and
33 funding necessary to fully implement the enhanced coordination program
34 developed under this section. The plan shall make recommendations
35 based upon the goal of fully realizing an enhanced and coordinated
36 monitoring program by June 30, 2007.

37 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** If specific funding for the purposes of this
38 act, referencing this act by bill or chapter number, is not provided by

1 June 30, 2001, in the omnibus appropriations act, this act is null and
2 void."

3 Correct the title.

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