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BRIEF DESCRIPTION:

2 **SSB 5637** - H COMM AMD
3 By Committee on Appropriations

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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;

21 (h) The interagency committee for outdoor recreation; and

22 (i) Eight legislators designated as follows: The cochairs of the
23 natural resources committee of the house of representatives; the chair
24 and the ranking minority member of the senate natural resources, parks,
25 and shorelines committee; the cochairs of the agriculture and ecology
26 committee of the house of representatives; and the chair and the
27 ranking minority member of the senate environment, energy, and water
28 committee. A legislator designated as a member of the monitoring
29 oversight committee pursuant to this subsection may designate an
30 alternate legislator to serve on the oversight committee in his or her
31 place. The alternate legislator must be a member of the same standing
32 committee listed in this subsection as the legislator who is
33 designating the alternate.

34 (2) The director of the salmon recovery office and the chair of the
35 salmon recovery funding board, or their designees, shall cochair the
36 committee. The cochairs shall convene the committee as necessary to
37 develop, for the consideration of the governor and legislature, a

1 comprehensive and coordinated monitoring strategy and action plan on
2 watershed health with a focus on salmon recovery. The committee shall
3 invite representation from the treaty tribes to participate in the
4 committee's efforts. In addition, the committee shall invite
5 participation by other state, local, and federal agencies and other
6 entities as appropriate. The committee shall address the monitoring
7 recommendations of the independent science panel provided under RCW
8 77.85.040(7) and of the joint legislative audit and review committee in
9 its report number 01-1 on investing in the environment.

10 (3) The independent science panel shall act as an advisor to the
11 monitoring oversight committee and shall review all work products
12 developed by the committee and make recommendations to the committee
13 cochairs.

14 (4) The committee shall make recommendations to individual agencies
15 to improve coordination of monitoring activities.

16 (5) The committee shall:

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

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

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

24 (d) Recommend performance measures appropriate to the objectives
25 and targeted to the appropriate geographical, temporal, and biological
26 scales;

27 (e) Recommend standardized monitoring protocols for salmon recovery
28 and watershed health;

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

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

33 (h) Recommend ways to integrate monitoring information into
34 decision making;

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

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

1 (k) Identify administrative actions that will be undertaken by
2 state agencies to implement elements of the coordinated monitoring
3 program.

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

13 (7) The cochairs shall provide an interim report to the governor
14 and the members of the appropriate legislative committees by March 1,
15 2002, on the progress made in implementing this section. By December
16 1, 2002, the committee shall provide a monitoring strategy and action
17 plan to the governor, and the members of the appropriate legislative
18 committees for achieving a comprehensive watershed health monitoring
19 program with a focus on salmon recovery. The strategy and action plan
20 shall document the results of the committee's actions in addressing the
21 responsibilities described in subsection (5) of this section. In
22 addition, the monitoring strategy and action plan shall include an
23 assessment of existing state agency operations related to monitoring,
24 evaluation, and adaptive management of watershed health and salmon
25 recovery, and shall recommend any operational or statutory changes and
26 funding necessary to fully implement the enhanced coordination program
27 developed under this section. The plan shall make recommendations
28 based upon the goal of fully realizing an enhanced and coordinated
29 monitoring program by June 30, 2007.

30 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** If specific funding for the purposes of this
31 act, referencing this act by bill or chapter number, is not provided by
32 June 30, 2001, in the omnibus appropriations act, this act is null and
33 void."

34 Correct the title.

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