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1 AN ACT Relating to the joint task force on green building; creating
2 new sections; and providing an expiration date.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that citizens in many
5 communities desire homes that, in addition to being well-built and
6 affordable, are also environmentally "friendly." In addition to the
7 public demand for low-impact development and its environmental
8 benefits, the legislature also finds that low-impact developments have
9 significant potential to reduce the costs of storm water management,
10 energy generation, road construction, and other local infrastructure
11 costs for our communities. The legislature further finds that a number
12 of new programs have been developed over the past few years, both
13 within the state and across the country, to promote and provide for
14 low-impact development.

15 The legislature therefore finds that there is a need to evaluate
16 local and national low-impact development programs to identify how the
17 state government can play a positive role in facilitating local efforts
18 to meet public demand for more livable communities and to reduce the
19 environmental and social costs of our current development practices.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) The joint task force on green building
2 is created, to consist of nine members including:

3 (a) Two members of the house of representatives to be appointed by
4 the speaker of the house, including the chair;

5 (b) Two members of the senate to be appointed by the senate
6 majority leader;

7 (c) One member from the office of community development;

8 (d) One member representing the building industry;

9 (e) One member representing cities;

10 (f) One member representing counties; and

11 (g) One member representing the environment.

12 (2) Legislative members for the task force shall be reimbursed for
13 travel expenses as provided in RCW 44.04.120. The staff of senate
14 committee services and the office of program research of the house of
15 representatives shall provide support to the task force.

16 (3) The chair shall appoint experts and advisors as nonvoting
17 members of the task force to provide information on various subjects.
18 The task force shall establish rules of procedure at its first meeting.

19 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The joint task force on green building
20 shall:

21 (1) Complete a thorough study of cities and counties that offer a
22 form of green building and low-impact development codes to:

23 (a) Determine components of the different programs that are
24 effective and what is ineffective;

25 (b) Determine incentives and disincentives to implementing a green
26 building program;

27 (c) Study existing green building standards such as Leadership in
28 Environmental and Energy Design (LEED), Build a Better Kitsap, and
29 Build a Better Clark County; and

30 (d) Identify the potential for low-impact development to reduce
31 costs of storm water management, road building, and other
32 infrastructure needs; and

33 (2) Commence the study within thirty days of adjournment sine die
34 of the 2002 regular session, and present a final report of its findings
35 and any recommendations to the legislature by January 1, 2003.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** This act expires March 30, 2003.

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