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SENATE BILL 6250

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By Senators Prentice, Swecker, Haugen and Gardner; by request of Department of Transportation

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1 AN ACT Relating to environmental mitigation sites; and adding a new  
2 section to chapter 47.12 RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 47.12 RCW  
5 to read as follows:

6 The department may enter into exchange agreements with local,  
7 state, or federal agencies, or private nonprofit groups incorporated in  
8 this state that are organized for environmental conservation purposes,  
9 to convey properties under the jurisdiction of the department that  
10 serve as environmental mitigation sites, as full or part consideration  
11 for the grantee assuming all future maintenance and operation  
12 obligations and costs required to maintain and operate the  
13 environmental mitigation site in perpetuity. The conveyances must be  
14 by quitclaim deed executed by the secretary of transportation, and must  
15 expressly restrict the use of the property to a mitigation site  
16 consistent with preservation of the functions and values of the site,  
17 and must provide for the automatic reversion to the department if the  
18 property is not used as a mitigation site or is not maintained in a

1 manner that complies with applicable permits, laws, and regulations  
2 pertaining to the maintenance and operation of the mitigation site.

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