
SENATE BILL 6242

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By Senators Parlette and Berkey

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1 AN ACT Relating to establishing a statewide strategy for land
2 acquisitions and disposal; and creating a new section.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1)(a) The legislature finds that the 1999
5 public and tribal lands inventory provides a base of information
6 necessary to develop a statewide strategy for acquisition of lands for
7 recreation and habitat preservation and enhancement. However,
8 additional information on recent acquisitions is necessary to determine
9 the extent of recent acquisitions, how they were funded, and whether
10 those acquisitions are compatible with a statewide strategy or more
11 narrowly in pursuit of the goals of single agencies.

12 (b) The legislature further finds that land acquisition decisions
13 have long-term implications, often in perpetuity, and that some
14 acquisitions occur outside the control and oversight of the
15 legislature.

16 (c) The legislature intends to establish a statewide strategy for
17 acquisition and disposal of lands for recreation and habitat
18 preservation and enhancement, and to clarify authority for centralized,
19 interagency control over implementation of that strategy.

1 (2) The interagency committee for outdoor recreation shall submit
2 a report to the appropriate policy and fiscal committees of the
3 legislature by June 30, 2005. The report must include:

4 (a) An inventory of habitat and recreational land acquisitions and
5 disposals since 1980 by state agencies. For the purpose of this
6 inventory, "land acquisition" means fee simple acquisition or less than
7 a fee simple interest if that interest is for more than fifty years.
8 "Land acquisitions" by state agencies includes those funded by state
9 agencies but owned by local governments. The inventory must also
10 include information about land acquisitions and disposals that involved
11 land trading or swapping between public and private entities, and land
12 acquisitions that were gifts. The inventory must also specify
13 principal use of the acquired parcels and other data compatible with
14 the 1999 inventory. The inventory must specify the agency or local
15 government acquiring or disposing of the property, the costs of the
16 land acquisition or receipts from the disposal, the funding sources,
17 and whether the land acquisition was funded under a legislative
18 appropriation, an unanticipated receipt, and/or exchange of land
19 parcels.

20 (b) A recommended statewide strategy for land acquisitions for
21 recreation and habitat preservation and enhancement. The recommended
22 statewide strategy must specify whether all land acquisitions of
23 recreation and habitat lands by state agencies, regardless of fund
24 source, should comply with the priorities and policies of chapter
25 79A.15 RCW and, if not, what priorities and policies should apply. The
26 recommended statewide strategy must ensure that land acquisition and
27 disposal decisions are based on a determination of need for
28 recreational and habitat lands compared to existing public lands
29 serving those purposes in various areas of the state. The recommended
30 statewide strategy shall also specify how to provide a central,
31 interagency point of control to ensure that land acquisitions by state
32 agencies, including land acquisitions funded through unanticipated
33 receipts, comply with statewide priorities and policies. The
34 recommended statewide strategy shall also examine the costs and
35 benefits of providing payments in lieu of taxes on certain kinds of
36 land acquisitions.

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