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By House Committee on Natural Resources, Ecology & Parks (originally sponsored by Representatives Dickerson, Buck, Blake and B. Sullivan; by request of Department of Natural Resources)

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1 AN ACT Relating to geological survey; amending RCW 43.92.010,
2 43.92.020, 43.92.040, 43.92.060, 43.92.070, and 43.92.080; and adding
3 new sections to chapter 43.92 RCW.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 43.92 RCW
6 to read as follows:

7 It is the intent of the legislature that there be an effective
8 state geological survey that can produce essential information that
9 provides for the health, safety, and economic well-being of the
10 citizens.

11 **Sec. 2.** RCW 43.92.010 and 1988 c 127 s 28 are each amended to read
12 as follows:

13 There shall be a geological survey of the state (~~which~~) that
14 shall be under the direction of the commissioner of public lands who
15 shall have general charge of the survey, and shall appoint as
16 supervisor of the survey a geologist of established reputation, to be
17 known as the (~~supervisor of geology~~) state geologist.

1 **Sec. 3.** RCW 43.92.020 and 1965 c 8 s 43.92.020 are each amended to
2 read as follows:

3 The geological survey shall have for its objects:

4 (1) An examination of the economic products of the state, (~~viz~~)
5 including: (~~The~~) Gold, silver, copper, lead, and iron ores, as well
6 as building stones, clays, coal, and all mineral substances of value;

7 (2) An examination and classification of (~~the~~) soils, and the
8 study of their adaptability to particular crops;

9 (3) An investigation and report upon the water supplies, artesian
10 wells, the water power of the state, gauging the streams, etc., with
11 reference to their application for irrigation and other purposes;

12 (4) An examination and report upon the occurrence of different road
13 building material;

14 (5) An examination of the physical features of the state with
15 reference to their practical bearing upon the occupations of the
16 people;

17 (6) The preparation of special geological and economic maps to
18 illustrate the resources of the state;

19 (7) The preparation of special reports with necessary illustrations
20 and maps, which shall embrace both the general and detailed description
21 of the geology and natural resources of the state(~~);~~ and

22 (8) The consideration of (~~such other kindred~~) similar scientific
23 and economic questions (~~as~~) that, in the judgment of the (~~director~~
24 ~~shall be~~) state geologist, is deemed of value to the people of the
25 state.

26 **NEW SECTION. Sec. 4.** A new section is added to chapter 43.92 RCW
27 to read as follows:

28 In addition to the objectives stated in RCW 43.92.020, the
29 geological survey must conduct and maintain an assessment of seismic,
30 landslide, and tsunami hazards in Washington. This assessment must
31 include the identification and mapping of volcanic, seismic, landslide,
32 and tsunami hazards, an estimation of potential consequences, and the
33 likelihood of occurrence.

34 **Sec. 5.** RCW 43.92.040 and 1965 c 8 s 43.92.040 are each amended to
35 read as follows:

36 (~~The~~) Regular and special reports of the geological survey, with

1 proper illustrations and maps, shall be printed as (~~the director may~~
2 ~~direct, and the~~) directed by the state geologist. All reports shall
3 be distributed or sold by (~~him~~) the department of natural resources
4 as the interests of the state and of science demand(~~;-and~~). All
5 money obtained by the sale of reports under this section shall be paid
6 into the state treasury.

7 **Sec. 6.** RCW 43.92.060 and 1965 c 8 s 43.92.060 are each amended to
8 read as follows:

9 The (~~director~~) state geologist may make provisions for
10 topographic, geologic, and hydrographic surveys of the state in
11 cooperation with the United States geological survey in such manner as
12 in (~~his~~) the opinion of the state geologist will be of the greatest
13 benefit to the agricultural, industrial, and geological requirements of
14 the state(~~;-PROVIDED, That~~). However, the director of the United
15 States geological survey (~~agrees~~) must first agree to expend on the
16 part of the United States upon such surveys a sum equal to that
17 expended by the state.

18 **Sec. 7.** RCW 43.92.070 and 1965 c 8 s 43.92.070 are each amended to
19 read as follows:

20 In order to complete the topographic map of the state and for the
21 purpose of making more extensive stream measurements, and otherwise
22 investigating and determining the water supply of the state, the
23 (~~director~~) state geologist may enter into such agreements with the
24 director of the United States geological survey as will (~~insure~~)
25 ensure that the surveys and investigations be carried on in the most
26 economical manner, and that the maps and data be available for the use
27 of the public as quickly as possible.

28 **Sec. 8.** RCW 43.92.080 and 1965 c 8 s 43.92.080 are each amended to
29 read as follows:

30 In order to carry out the purposes of this chapter, all persons
31 employed (~~hereunder~~) by the department of natural resources to carry
32 out the duties of this chapter are authorized to enter and cross all
33 land within the state (~~doing thereby~~) as long as no damage is done to

1 private property.

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