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SENATE BILL 6625

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By Senators Parlette and Fraser

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1 AN ACT Relating to public lands management; amending RCW 43.79.270;  
2 and adding a new section to chapter 79A.25 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 79A.25 RCW  
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) The habitat and recreation lands coordinating group is  
7 established. The habitat and recreation lands coordinating group must  
8 include representatives from the committee, the state parks and  
9 recreation commission, the department of natural resources, and the  
10 Washington state department of fish and wildlife. The members of the  
11 habitat and recreation lands coordinating group must have subject  
12 matter expertise with the issues presented in this section.  
13 Representatives from appropriate stakeholder organizations and local  
14 government must also be considered for participation on the habitat and  
15 recreation lands coordinating group.

16 (2) To ensure timely completion of the initial duties assigned to  
17 the habitat and recreation lands coordinating group, quarterly progress  
18 reports to either the office of financial management or the director  
19 are required.

1           (3) The habitat and recreation lands coordinating group must:  
2           (a) Develop language to amend agency land acquisition, management,  
3 and disposal plans and policies to help provide for statewide  
4 coordination of habitat and recreation land acquisitions and disposals;  
5           (b) Develop standards for producing an interagency, statewide  
6 biennial forecast of habitat and recreation land acquisitions and  
7 disposals;  
8           (c) Establish procedures for submitting the biennial acquisition  
9 and disposal plans;  
10          (d) Develop and convene an annual forum for agencies to coordinate  
11 their near-term acquisition and disposal plans;  
12          (e) Develop a recommended standard for interagency geographic  
13 information system-based documentation of habitat and recreation lands;  
14          (f) Standardize acquisition and disposal recordkeeping;  
15          (g) Identify a preferred process for centralizing acquisition data;  
16          (h) Develop an approach for monitoring the success of acquisitions;  
17          (i) Identify and commence a dialogue with key state and federal  
18 partners to develop an inventory of potential public lands for transfer  
19 into habitat and recreation land management status;  
20          (j) Review all habitat conservation plans to achieve uniformity and  
21 save costs.  
22          (4) The committee should revisit the committee's and Washington  
23 wildlife and recreation program's planning requirements to determine  
24 whether coordination of state agency habitat and recreation land  
25 acquisition and disposal could be improved by modifying those  
26 requirements.  
27          (5) The committee must develop options for centralizing  
28 coordination of habitat and recreation land acquisition made with funds  
29 from federal grants. The advantages and drawbacks (e.g., increased  
30 coordination versus decreased efficiency) of the following options, at  
31 a minimum, must be developed:  
32          (a) Requiring agencies simply to provide early communication on the  
33 status of federal grant applications to the committee, the office of  
34 financial management, or directly to the legislature;  
35          (b) Establishing a centralized pass-through agency for federal  
36 funds, where individual agencies would be the primary applicants.

1       **Sec. 2.** RCW 43.79.270 and 2005 c 319 s 105 are each amended to  
2 read as follows:

3       (1) Whenever any money, from the federal government, or from other  
4 sources, which was not anticipated in the budget approved by the  
5 legislature has actually been received and is designated to be spent  
6 for a specific purpose, the head of any department, agency, board, or  
7 commission through which such expenditure shall be made is to submit to  
8 the governor a statement which may be in the form of a request for an  
9 allotment amendment setting forth the facts constituting the need for  
10 such expenditure and the estimated amount to be expended: PROVIDED,  
11 That no expenditure shall be made in excess of the actual amount  
12 received, and no money shall be expended for any purpose except the  
13 specific purpose for which it was received. Further, the unanticipated  
14 receipts may not be expended for land purchases without authorization  
15 by the legislature. A copy of any proposal submitted to the governor  
16 to expend money from an appropriated fund or account in excess of  
17 appropriations provided by law which is based on the receipt of  
18 unanticipated revenues shall be submitted to the joint legislative  
19 audit and review committee and also to the standing committees on ways  
20 and means of the house of representatives and senate if the legislature  
21 is in session at the same time as it is transmitted to the governor.

22       (2) Notwithstanding subsection (1) of this section, whenever money  
23 from any source that was not anticipated in the transportation budget  
24 approved by the legislature has actually been received and is  
25 designated to be spent for a specific purpose, the head of a  
26 department, agency, board, or commission through which the expenditure  
27 must be made shall submit to the governor a statement, which may be in  
28 the form of a request for an allotment amendment, setting forth the  
29 facts constituting the need for the expenditure and the estimated  
30 amount to be expended. However, no expenditure may be made in excess  
31 of the actual amount received, and no money may be expended for any  
32 purpose except the specific purpose for which it was received. A copy  
33 of any proposal submitted to the governor to expend money from an  
34 appropriated transportation fund or account in excess of appropriations  
35 provided by law that is based on the receipt of unanticipated revenues  
36 must be submitted, at a minimum, to the standing committees on

1 transportation of the house of representatives and senate at the same  
2 time as it is transmitted to the governor.

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