

SSB 5236 - H COMM AMD

By Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources

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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 79A.25
4 RCW to read as follows:

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

16 (2) To ensure timely completion of the duties assigned to the
17 habitat and recreation lands coordinating group, the director shall
18 submit yearly progress reports to the office of financial management.

19 (3) The habitat and recreation lands coordinating group must:

20 (a) Review agency land acquisition and disposal plans and policies
21 to help ensure statewide coordination of habitat and recreation land
22 acquisitions and disposals;

23 (b) Produce an interagency, statewide biennial forecast of habitat
24 and recreation land acquisitions and disposal plans;

25 (c) Establish procedures for publishing the biennial forecast of
26 acquisition and disposal plans on web sites or other centralized,
27 easily accessible formats;

28 (d) Develop and convene an annual forum for agencies to coordinate
29 their near-term acquisition and disposal plans;

1 (e) Develop a recommended method for interagency geographic
2 information system-based documentation of habitat and recreation lands
3 in cooperation with other state agencies using geographic information
4 systems;

5 (f) Develop recommendations for standardization of acquisition and
6 disposal recordkeeping, including identifying a preferred process for
7 centralizing acquisition data;

8 (g) Develop an approach for monitoring the success of acquisitions;

9 (h) Identify and commence a dialogue with key state and federal
10 partners to develop an inventory of potential public lands for transfer
11 into habitat and recreation land management status;

12 (i) Review existing and proposed habitat conservation plans on a
13 regular basis to foster statewide coordination and save costs.

14 (4) The group shall revisit the committee's and Washington wildlife
15 and recreation program's planning requirements to determine whether
16 coordination of state agency habitat and recreation land acquisition
17 and disposal could be improved by modifying those requirements.

18 (5) The group must develop options for centralizing coordination of
19 habitat and recreation land acquisition made with funds from federal
20 grants. The advantages and drawbacks of the following options, at a
21 minimum, must be developed:

22 (a) Requiring that agencies provide early communication on the
23 status of federal grant applications to the committee, the office of
24 financial management, or directly to the legislature;

25 (b) Establishing a centralized pass-through agency for federal
26 funds, where individual agencies would be the primary applicants.

27 (6) This section expires July 31, 2012. Prior to January 1, 2012,
28 the committee shall make a formal recommendation to the appropriate
29 committees of the legislature as to whether the existence of the
30 habitat and recreation lands coordinating group should be continued
31 beyond July 31, 2012, and if so, whether any modifications to its
32 enabling statute should be pursued. The committee shall involve all
33 participants in the habitat and recreation lands coordinating group
34 when developing the recommendations."

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1 On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "management;" strike the
2 remainder of the title and insert "adding a new section to chapter
3 79A.25 RCW; and providing an expiration date."

EFFECT: Specifies that only the director of the Interagency
Committee on Outdoor Recreation can invite nonstate participants to the
Habitat and Recreation Lands Coordinating Group, and provides a 2012
expiration date with a report prior to the expiration regarding whether
the expiration should be extended.

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