

SB 6531 - H COMM AMD

By Committee on Ecology & Parks

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

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 47.01 RCW  
4 to read as follows:

5 For highway construction projects where agricultural lands of  
6 long-term commercial significance will be considered for environmental  
7 mitigation, in the process of reviewing and selecting sites to meet  
8 these mitigation requirements under the national environmental policy  
9 act (42 U.S.C. Sec. 4321 et seq.) and chapter 43.21C RCW, the  
10 department shall, to the greatest extent possible, consider using state  
11 and local public land first.

12 If state and local public lands are not available that meet the  
13 required environmental mitigation needs, the department may use other  
14 sites while making every effort to avoid any net loss of agricultural  
15 lands that have a designation of long-term commercial significance."

16 Correct the title.

EFFECT: Limits DOT's consideration of using public land first to meet highway construction environmental mitigation requirements to projects where agricultural lands of long-term commercial significance are being considered for environmental mitigation.

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