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By Committee on Water, Energy & Telecommunications

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

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** Although research about conditions in Puget
4 Sound have been studied during the past several decades, the
5 legislature finds that there is no coordinated, focused, comprehensive
6 Puget Sound science program capable of setting research priorities for
7 Puget Sound science. The legislature finds that environmental problems
8 in Puget Sound are complex and that research is needed to provide
9 information that can guide protective and restorative actions, and to
10 explore and understand the impacts of a changing environment. The
11 legislature also finds that there is no predictable funding process for
12 Puget Sound research projects, including the aquatic rehabilitation
13 zone one. The legislature declares that the state needs a process to
14 focus the scientific effort on the Puget Sound ecosystem and to
15 distribute research funds.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 90.71 RCW
17 to read as follows:

18 The Puget Sound leadership council created pursuant to chapter
19 . . ., Laws of 2007 (House Bill No. 1374 or Senate Bill No. 5374)
20 shall:

21 (1) Work with the science panel to identify gaps in scientific
22 research related to restoring Puget Sound, including the aquatic
23 rehabilitation zone one created in RCW 90.88.010;

24 (2) Develop a competitive process for soliciting research
25 addressing those gaps;

26 (3) Solicit and strategically prioritize research programs and
27 projects in accordance with recommendations from the science panel;

28 (4) Select and fund the highest priority research programs and
29 projects; and

1 (5) Develop and implement an appropriate peer review process to
2 review results from such programs and projects.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 90.71 RCW
4 to read as follows:

5 The Puget Sound scientific research account is created in the state
6 treasury. All gifts, grants, federal moneys, or appropriations made to
7 the account must be deposited into the account. Moneys in the account
8 may be spent only after appropriation. Expenditures from the account
9 may be used only for research programs and projects selected pursuant
10 to section 2 of this act."

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11 On page 1, line 2 of the title, after "account;" strike the
12 remainder of the title and insert "adding new sections to chapter 90.71
13 RCW; and creating a new section."

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