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By Committee on Natural Resources, Ocean & Recreation

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

3       "**Sec. 1.** RCW 43.92.010 and 2006 c 340 s 2 are each amended to read  
4 as follows:

5       There shall be a geological survey of the state, to be known as the  
6 Washington geological survey, that shall be under the direction of the  
7 commissioner of public lands who shall have general charge of the  
8 survey, and shall appoint as supervisor of the survey a geologist of  
9 established reputation, to be known as the state geologist.

10       **Sec. 2.** RCW 43.92.020 and 2006 c 340 s 3 are each amended to read  
11 as follows:

12       (1) The geological survey shall have for its objects:

13       ~~((+1))~~ (a) An examination of the economic products of the state,  
14 including: Gold, silver, copper, lead, ~~((and))~~ iron ores, and sand and  
15 gravel, as well as building stones, clays, coal, and all other mineral  
16 and aggregate substances of value;

17       ~~((+2))~~ (b) An examination and classification of soils, and the  
18 study of their adaptability to particular crops;

19       ~~((+3))~~ (c) An investigation and report upon the water supplies,  
20 artesian wells, the water power of the state, gauging the streams,  
21 etc., with reference to their application for irrigation and other  
22 purposes;

23       ~~((+4))~~ (d) An examination and report upon the occurrence of  
24 different road building material;

25       ~~((+5))~~ (e) An examination of the physical features of the state  
26 with reference to their practical bearing upon the occupations of the  
27 people;

28       ~~((+6))~~ (f) The preparation of special geological and economic maps  
29 to illustrate the resources of the state;

1       (~~(7)~~) (g) The preparation of special reports with necessary  
2 illustrations and maps, which shall embrace both the general and  
3 detailed description of the geology and natural resources of the state;  
4 and

5       (~~(8)~~) (h) The consideration of similar scientific and economic  
6 questions that, in the judgment of the state geologist, is deemed of  
7 value to the people of the state.

8       (2) The geological survey shall:

9       (a) Serve as a bureau of information and an advisory service  
10 concerning geologic resources and hazards, including: Maintenance of  
11 a library, public education program, and geologic database; review of  
12 functions; expert advice to federal, state, and local government  
13 agencies; and operation of a clearinghouse of posthazard event earth  
14 science investigations. The geological survey shall provide technical  
15 assistance to local governments on geological hazards, mineral  
16 resources, and aggregate mining and reclamation during preparation and  
17 amendment of comprehensive plans and land use regulations;

18       (b) Collect geotechnical and related reports prepared by applicants  
19 in support of building construction and land use permits from local  
20 government or state government for use in the development of a  
21 statewide electronic database of subsurface geotechnical data. Copies  
22 of the reports must be submitted to the geological survey by the  
23 applicant at the time of submission to local government;

24       (c) Preserve information collected, developed, or obtained under  
25 this section, RCW 43.92.025, and nonconfidential data collected under  
26 chapters 78.44 and 78.52 RCW in a publicly accessible electronic data  
27 system. The publicly accessible electronic data system must display  
28 the surface and subsurface geological and geophysical data using an  
29 interactive map interface for both two and three-dimensional display of  
30 the available data;

31       (d) Establish and maintain a storage and examination facility for  
32 physical samples, including drill cuttings and drill cores from all  
33 types of drill holes, sidewall cores and other special samples from  
34 earth science investigations, significant paper records of earth  
35 science investigations, and other materials considered by the  
36 department to be of long-term value to the state; and

37       (e) Promote outdoor recreation and education through the creation

1 and dissemination of interpretive materials, including but not limited  
2 to field trip guides, road logs, interpretive displays, and field  
3 excursions for teachers.

4 **Sec. 3.** RCW 43.92.040 and 2006 c 340 s 5 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6 ((Regular and special)) Reports, geological maps, geological hazard  
7 assessment maps, mineral and aggregate resource maps, and special  
8 reports of the geological survey(, with proper illustrations and maps,  
9 shall)) must be distributed as directed by the state geologist as the  
10 needs of the state and science demand. The primary means of  
11 distribution must be through a publicly accessible electronic data  
12 system with digital documents, interactive web pages, and online  
13 databases. Reports and maps may be printed as directed by the state  
14 geologist. ((All reports shall be distributed or sold by the department  
15 of natural resources as the interests of the state and of science  
16 demand.)) All money obtained by the sale of reports under this section  
17 shall be paid into the state treasury.

18 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** If specific funding for the purposes of this  
19 act, referencing this act by bill or chapter number, is not provided by  
20 June 30, 2008, in the omnibus appropriations act, this act is null and  
21 void."

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22 On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "survey;" strike the  
23 remainder of the title and insert "amending RCW 43.92.010, 43.92.020,  
24 and 43.92.040; and creating a new section."

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