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**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2643**

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**State of Washington**                      **61st Legislature**                      **2010 Regular Session**

**By** House Ecology & Parks (originally sponsored by Representative Chase)

READ FIRST TIME 02/02/10.

1            AN ACT Relating to providing better water quality during charitable  
2 car washes; amending RCW 90.71.400; adding a new section to chapter  
3 90.48 RCW; and creating a new section.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.** (1) Outdoor car washing has the potential to  
6 result in high loads of nutrients, metals, and hydrocarbons draining  
7 directly into Washington waters as a result of the detergent and  
8 chemical-rich water used to wash cars flowing into storm drains.

9            (2) The legislature finds that vehicle washing activities affect  
10 local water quality and drinking water quality, and that the water from  
11 car washes and the chemicals in many detergents are harmful to fish and  
12 other aquatic life.

13            (3) The legislature intends to make Washington waters cleaner and  
14 healthier by educating the public on how they can reduce the pollution  
15 from car washes from entering into watersheds.

16            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 90.48 RCW  
17 to read as follows:

18            (1) The department and the Puget Sound partnership must use

1 existing funds to increase public awareness and education regarding the  
2 effects of charity car washes on water quality and drinking water  
3 quality. The department and the Puget Sound partnership must provide  
4 educational materials and guidance to nonprofit organizations and  
5 educational institutions on how to properly conduct a charity car wash  
6 that would minimize the car wash's effects on water quality and  
7 drinking water quality. The guidance must include what equipment is  
8 necessary for car washes to minimize their effects on water quality and  
9 drinking water quality, as well as education on storm water pollution.

10 (2) The department and the Puget Sound partnership shall, as part  
11 of their existing storm water assistance programs, provide the option  
12 of acquiring kits that would provide charity car washes with the  
13 necessary equipment mentioned in their guidance from subsection (1) of  
14 this section.

15 **Sec. 3.** RCW 90.71.400 and 2007 c 341 s 23 are each amended to read  
16 as follows:

17 The Puget Sound recovery account is created in the state treasury.  
18 To the account shall be deposited such funds as the legislature directs  
19 or appropriates to the account. Federal grants, gifts, or other  
20 financial assistance received by the Puget Sound partnership and other  
21 state agencies from nonstate sources for the specific purpose of  
22 recovering Puget Sound may be deposited into the account. Moneys in  
23 the account may be spent only after appropriation. Expenditures from  
24 the account may be used for the protection and recovery of Puget Sound,  
25 including providing car wash kits, as authorized under section 2 of  
26 this act, to nonprofit organizations.

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