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**President of the Senate**

Approved

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**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Barbara Baker, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **HOUSE BILL 1997** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

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**Chief Clerk**

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**Secretary of State  
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By Representatives Finn, Rolfes, Smith, Dunshee, Upthegrove, Kretz, Chase, Dickerson, Liias, Kagi, Nelson, Kessler, Hunt, and Blake; by request of Puget Sound Partnership

Read first time 02/05/09. Referred to Committee on Ecology & Parks.

1 AN ACT Relating to Puget Sound scientific research; and amending  
2 RCW 90.71.110 and 90.71.280.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 90.71.110 and 2007 c 345 s 3 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6 The Puget Sound scientific research account is created in the state  
7 treasury. All gifts, grants, federal moneys, or appropriations made to  
8 the account must be deposited into the account. Moneys in the account  
9 may be spent only after appropriation. Expenditures from the account  
10 may be used only for research programs and projects selected pursuant  
11 to ~~((section 2 of this act))~~ the process developed and overseen by the  
12 Puget Sound science panel as provided in RCW 90.71.280(1)(c).

13 **Sec. 2.** RCW 90.71.280 and 2007 c 341 s 10 are each amended to read  
14 as follows:

15 (1) The panel shall:

16 (a) Assist the council, board, and executive director in carrying  
17 out the obligations of the partnership, including preparing and  
18 updating the action agenda;

1 (b) As provided in RCW 90.71.290, assist the partnership in  
2 developing an ecosystem level strategic science program that:

3 (i) Addresses monitoring, modeling, data management, and research;  
4 and

5 (ii) Identifies science gaps and recommends research priorities;

6 (c) Develop and provide oversight of a competitive peer-reviewed  
7 process for soliciting, strategically prioritizing, and funding  
8 research and modeling projects;

9 (d) Develop and implement an appropriate process for peer review of  
10 monitoring, research, and modeling conducted as part of the strategic  
11 science program;

12 (e) Provide input to the executive director in developing biennial  
13 implementation strategies; and

14 ((+e)) (f) Offer an ecosystem-wide perspective on the science work  
15 being conducted in Puget Sound and by the partnership.

16 (2) The panel should collaborate with other scientific groups and  
17 consult other scientists in conducting its work. To the maximum extent  
18 possible, the panel should seek to integrate the state-sponsored Puget  
19 Sound science program with the Puget Sound science activities of  
20 federal agencies, including working toward an integrated research  
21 agenda and Puget Sound science work plan.

22 (3) By July 31, 2008, the panel shall identify environmental  
23 indicators measuring the health of Puget Sound, and recommend  
24 environmental benchmarks that need to be achieved to meet the goals of  
25 the action agenda. The council shall confer with the panel on  
26 incorporating the indicators and benchmarks into the action agenda.

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