
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5684

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By Senate Transportation (originally sponsored by Senators Haugen, Swecker, Ranker, Hatfield, Jarrett, and Kline)

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1 AN ACT Relating to environmental mitigation in highway
2 construction; and adding a new section to chapter 47.01 RCW.

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

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

6 (1) For highway construction projects where the department
7 considers agricultural lands of long-term commercial significance, as
8 defined in RCW 36.70A.030, in reviewing and selecting sites to meet
9 environmental mitigation requirements under the national environmental
10 policy act (42 U.S.C. Sec. 4321 et seq.) and chapter 43.21C RCW, the
11 department shall, to the greatest extent possible, consider using
12 public land first.

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

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