
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6747

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By Senate Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Jacobsen, Fraser, Ranker, Shin, and Kline; by request of Commissioner of Public Lands)

READ FIRST TIME 02/09/10.

1 AN ACT Relating to cost recovery for the natural heritage program;
2 amending RCW 79.71.090; and adding a new section to chapter 79.70 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 79.70 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) In an effort to recover the service cost incurred for staff
7 time and other expenses involved in data delivery, the program must
8 charge either a six thousand dollar annual subscription fee or a one
9 hundred dollar access fee per request, plus a charge of seventy-five
10 dollars per hour rounded to the nearest half-hour to process and
11 respond to the data request. The hourly rate applies to, but is not
12 limited to, data analysis, technical assistance, manual searches, map
13 interpretations, and preparing special reports.

14 (2) The program may waive user charges when a data request requires
15 less than one hour of response time or when no data is provided. All
16 moneys collected under this section must be deposited into the natural
17 resources conservation areas stewardship account created in RCW
18 79.71.090.

1 (3) The department may adjust or modify the fees specified in this
2 section as necessary to recover the service costs.

3 (4) To support Washington's working forest land base, the
4 department may provide one annual subscription as described in this
5 section to any statewide trade association whose membership is
6 comprised of private forest landowners to serve as the annual
7 subscription for any of that association's members.

8 **Sec. 2.** RCW 79.71.090 and 2000 c 11 s 25 are each amended to read
9 as follows:

10 There is hereby created the natural resources conservation areas
11 stewardship account in the state treasury to ensure proper and
12 continuing management of land acquired or designated pursuant to this
13 chapter. Funds for the stewardship account shall be derived from
14 appropriations of state general funds, federal funds, grants,
15 donations, gifts, bond issue receipts, securities, ~~((and))~~ other
16 monetary instruments of value, and the collection of fees charged for
17 data delivery services under section 1 of this act. Income derived
18 from the management of natural resources conservation areas shall also
19 be deposited in this stewardship account.

20 Appropriations from this account to the department shall be
21 expended for no other purpose than the following: (1) To manage the
22 areas approved by the legislature in fulfilling the purposes of this
23 chapter; (2) to manage property acquired as natural area preserves
24 under chapter 79.70 RCW; (3) to manage property transferred under the
25 authority and appropriation provided by the legislature to be managed
26 under chapter 79.70 RCW or this chapter or acquired under chapter
27 79A.15 RCW; and (4) to pay for operating expenses for the natural
28 heritage program under chapter 79.70 RCW.

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