
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5997

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By Senate Energy, Natural Resources & Marine Waters (originally sponsored by Senator Hargrove)

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1 AN ACT Relating to the Olympic natural resources center; and
2 amending RCW 43.30.820 and 43.30.810.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.30.820 and 2010 1st sp.s. c 7 s 74 are each amended
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) The Olympic natural resources center shall operate under the
7 authority of the board of regents of the University of Washington. It
8 shall be administered by a director appointed jointly by the ((deans))
9 directors of the ((college)) school of environmental and forest
10 ((resources)) sciences and the ((college)) school of ((ocean)) aquatic
11 and fishery sciences. The director of the center shall be a member of
12 the faculty of one of those ((colleges)) schools. The director of the
13 center shall appoint and maintain a scientific or technical committee,
14 and other committees as necessary, to advise the director on the
15 efficiency, effectiveness, and quality of the center's activities.

16 (2) The governor must appoint a policy advisory board consisting of
17 eleven members to advise the directors of the school of environmental
18 and forest sciences, the school of aquatic and fishery sciences, and
19 the Olympic natural resources center on policies for the center that

1 are consistent with its purposes. Membership on the policy advisory
2 board must broadly represent the various interests concerned with the
3 purposes of the center, including the Washington state department of
4 natural resources and state and federal government, environmental,
5 local community, timber industry, and tribal interests.

6 (3) Service on boards and committees of the Olympic natural
7 resources center is without compensation but actual travel expenses
8 incurred in connection with service to the center may be reimbursed
9 from appropriated funds in accordance with RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.

10 **Sec. 2.** RCW 43.30.810 and 1991 c 316 s 2 are each amended to read
11 as follows:

12 (1) The Olympic natural resources center is hereby created at the
13 University of Washington in the ((college)) school of environmental and
14 forest ((resources)) sciences and the ((college)) school of ((ocean))
15 aquatic and fishery sciences.

16 (2) The Olympic natural resources center shall maintain facilities
17 and programs in the western portion of the Olympic Peninsula. ((Its))
18 The purpose ((shall be)) of the center is to demonstrate innovative
19 management methods which successfully integrate environmental, energy,
20 marine, and economic interests into pragmatic management of forest and
21 ocean resources. The center shall combine research and educational
22 opportunities with experimental forestry, oceans management, and
23 traditional management knowledge into an overall program which
24 demonstrates that management based on sound economic principles is made
25 superior when combined with new methods of management based on
26 ecological principles. The programs developed by the center shall
27 include the following:

28 ((+1)) (a) Research and education on a broad range of ocean
29 resources problems and opportunities in the region, such as estuarine
30 processes, ocean and coastal management, renewable energy production,
31 offshore development, fisheries and shellfish enhancement, and coastal
32 business development, tourism, and recreation. In developing this
33 component of the center's program, the center shall collaborate with
34 coastal educational institutions such as Grays Harbor community college
35 and Peninsula community college;

36 ((+2)) (b) Research and education on forest resources management

1 issues on the landscape, ecosystem, or regional level, including issues
2 that cross legal and administrative boundaries;

3 ((+3)) (c) Research and education that broadly integrates marine
4 and terrestrial issues, including interactions of marine, aquatic, and
5 terrestrial ecosystems, and that identifies options and opportunities
6 to integrate the production of commodities with the preservation of
7 ecological values. Where appropriate, programs shall address issues
8 and opportunities that cross legal and administrative boundaries;

9 ((+4)) (d) Research and education on natural resources and their
10 social and economic implications, and on alternative economic and
11 social bases for sustainable, healthy, resource-based communities;

12 ((+5)) (e) Educational opportunities such as workshops, short
13 courses, and continuing education for resource professionals, policy
14 forums, information exchanges including international exchanges where
15 appropriate, conferences, student research, and public education; and

16 ((+6)) (f) Creation of a neutral forum where parties with diverse
17 interests are encouraged to address and resolve their conflicts.

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