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1            AN ACT Relating to directing the department of ecology to conduct  
2 a study of light pollution that provides recommendations to the  
3 legislature on policy options to reduce light pollution; and creating  
4 a new section.

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

6            NEW SECTION.        **Sec. 1.**        (1) The department of ecology must  
7 complete a study that analyzes the current extent of light pollution  
8 that adversely affects the quality of the environment, the value of  
9 property, and the health and well-being of the public. The study  
10 must, at minimum, evaluate:

11            (a) The risks to public health, well-being, and the environment  
12 posed by light pollution;

13            (b) The locations in the state with the greatest prevalence of  
14 light pollution and the greatest impacts of light pollution on  
15 environmental quality, ecosystem function, and public well-being; and

16            (c) Policy options for addressing light pollution that have been  
17 adopted by other jurisdictions.

18            (2) By January 1, 2017, the department of ecology must submit a  
19 report containing its analysis and recommendations to the appropriate  
20 fiscal and policy committees of the legislature. The recommendations

1 must include recommendations for policy changes to address light  
2 pollution.

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