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1            AN ACT Relating to managing Capitol lake as an estuarine  
2 environment; amending RCW 79.24.650, 79.24.700, and 79.24.720; and  
3 adding a new section to chapter 79.24 RCW.

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

5            **Sec. 1.** RCW 79.24.650 and 1969 ex.s. c 272 s 1 are each amended  
6 to read as follows:

7            The state capitol committee shall provide for the construction,  
8 remodeling, and furnishing of capitol office buildings, parking  
9 facilities, governor's mansion, the management, protection,  
10 preservation, and coordination of Capitol lake as an estuarine  
11 environment, and such other buildings and facilities as are  
12 determined by the state capitol committee to be necessary to provide  
13 space for the legislature by way of offices, committee rooms, hearing  
14 rooms, and work rooms, and to provide executive office space and  
15 housing for the governor, and to provide executive office space for  
16 other elective officials and such other state agencies as may be  
17 necessary, and to pay for all costs and expenses in issuing the bonds  
18 and to pay interest thereon during construction of the facilities for  
19 which the bonds were issued and six months thereafter.

1       **Sec. 2.** RCW 79.24.700 and 2005 c 330 s 1 are each amended to  
2 read as follows:

3       (1)(a) The legislature finds that the historic facilities of the  
4 Washington state capitol, including Capitol lake, are the most  
5 important public facilities in the state. They are a source of beauty  
6 and pride, a resource for celebrating our heritage and democratic  
7 ideals, and an exceptional educational resource. The public and  
8 historic facilities of the state capitol campus, including Capitol  
9 lake and the associated grounds, should be managed and maintained to  
10 the highest standards of excellence, model the best of historic  
11 preservation practice, and maximize opportunities for public access  
12 and enjoyment. Consistent with this objective, Capitol lake should be  
13 managed and maintained as an estuarine environment, in coordination  
14 with interests within the Deschutes watershed and Budd Inlet, to  
15 ensure that overall aesthetic, recreational, sediment management, and  
16 environmental benefits are achieved.

17       (b) Capitol lake must be comanaged by those Indian tribes with  
18 histories or traditions or customary uses relating to either the  
19 Deschutes river watershed, the historic Deschutes river estuary, Budd  
20 Inlet, or the area now occupied by the lake and its surrounding  
21 environment. This management role includes full participation with  
22 state agencies and other public entities in all decisions regarding  
23 the administration, maintenance, preservation, and uses of Capitol  
24 lake, including the transition of Capitol lake into an estuarine  
25 environment.

26       (2) The purpose of chapter 330, Laws of 2005 is to provide  
27 authority and direction for the care and stewardship of the public  
28 and historic facilities of the state capitol, to facilitate public  
29 access, use, and enjoyment of these assets, and to carefully preserve  
30 them for the benefit of future generations.

31       **Sec. 3.** RCW 79.24.720 and 2015 c 225 s 124 are each amended to  
32 read as follows:

33       The department of enterprise services is responsible for the  
34 stewardship, preservation, operation, and maintenance of the public  
35 and historic facilities and grounds of the state capitol, subject to  
36 the policy direction of the state capitol committee and the guidance  
37 of the capitol campus design advisory committee. In administering  
38 this responsibility, the department shall:

1 (1) Apply the United States secretary of the interior's standards  
2 for the treatment of historic properties;

3 (2) Seek to balance the functional requirements of state  
4 government operations with public access and the long-term  
5 preservation needs of the properties themselves; (~~and~~)

6 (3) Consult with the capitol furnishings preservation committee,  
7 the state historic preservation officer, the state arts commission,  
8 and the state facilities accessibility advisory committee in  
9 fulfilling the responsibilities provided for in this section; and

10 (4)(a) Coordinate with the jurisdictions with interest within the  
11 Deschutes watershed and Budd Inlet to ensure that overall aesthetic,  
12 recreational, sediment management, and environmental benefits are  
13 achieved for an estuarine Capitol lake as part of the Deschutes  
14 watershed.

15 (b) Capitol lake must be comanaged by those Indian tribes with  
16 histories or traditions or customary uses relating to either the  
17 Deschutes river watershed, the historic Deschutes river estuary, Budd  
18 Inlet, or the area now occupied by the lake and its surrounding  
19 environment. This management role includes full participation with  
20 state agencies and other public entities in all decisions regarding  
21 the administration, maintenance, preservation, and uses of Capitol  
22 lake, including the transition of Capitol lake into an estuarine  
23 environment.

24 NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. A new section is added to chapter 79.24  
25 RCW to read as follows:

26 (1) The department of enterprise services shall, on the effective  
27 date of this section, immediately begin planning for, and  
28 implementing, a transition for Capitol lake from a lake environment  
29 to an estuarine environment consistent with RCW 79.24.700 and  
30 79.24.720.

31 (2) Beginning October 31, 2017, and by October 31st of each  
32 subsequent year, the department of enterprise services must issue a  
33 report to the legislature, consistent with RCW 43.01.036, that  
34 outlines: Steps planned to implement the conversion, progress made to  
35 date; updated dates by which the conversion will be completed; the  
36 benefits of an estuarine environment that can be expected to be  
37 observed; and requests for necessary funding.

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