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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that state agencies
4 often do not have comprehensive electronic access to many peer-
5 reviewed journals. As a result, state employees often must purchase
6 specific manuscripts, outsource searches to other entities, or
7 physically visit a university library in order to access many peer-
8 reviewed journals. Locating a specific manuscript can take hours of
9 staff time and is neither an efficient nor a cost-effective use of
10 state resources. Other states have created statewide collectives for
11 providing access to peer-reviewed journals, resulting in both
12 increased access to peer-reviewed journals as well as significant
13 cost savings. In light of the benefits that other states have
14 experienced in connection with statewide subscriptions to peer-
15 reviewed journals, the legislature seeks to learn whether such a
16 subscription model would be beneficial in Washington.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) The Washington state institute for
18 public policy shall conduct a study that identifies the extent to
19 which state employees, or students at postsecondary institutions as
20 defined in RCW 28B.10.016, or both, have access to peer-reviewed
21 journals in other states. When applicable, the Washington state
22 institute for public policy must identify the funding, organizational
23 structures, and policy mechanisms used in other states where relevant
24 public employees or students at postsecondary institutions have
25 comprehensive electronic access to peer-reviewed journals, and
26 potential barriers to similar access in Washington state. For the
27 purposes of this section, "peer-reviewed journal" means any academic,
28 scholarly, or scientific peer-reviewed journal.

29 (2) The study must be completed by December 1, 2021, and
30 submitted in accordance with RCW 43.01.036 to the standing committees

1 of the house of representatives and the senate with jurisdiction over
2 environmental or natural resource issues.

3 (3) This section expires June 30, 2022."

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4 On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "employee" strike the
5 remainder of the title and insert "and postsecondary student access
6 to peer-reviewed journals; creating new sections; and providing an
7 expiration date."

EFFECT: Expands the study to include students at postsecondary institutions.

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