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By Senators Warnick, Sheldon, Hasegawa, Hunt, Zeiger, Takko, Wagoner, Hawkins, Honeyford, Carlyle, Keiser, and Wilson, L.

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1 AN ACT Relating to state agency employee access to peer-reviewed
2 journals; creating new sections; making an appropriation; and
3 providing an expiration date.

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

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

19 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) The Washington state institute for
20 public policy is directed to conduct a study that addresses, at a

1 minimum, potential funding, organizational structure, and policy
2 mechanisms that would provide relevant state employees with
3 comprehensive electronic access to peer-reviewed journals. For the
4 purposes of this study, "peer-reviewed journal" means any academic,
5 scholarly, or scientific peer-reviewed journal.

6 (2) The study must be completed by December 1, 2020, and
7 submitted in accordance with RCW 43.01.036 to the standing committees
8 of the house of representatives and the senate with jurisdiction over
9 environmental or natural resource issues.

10 (3) This section expires June 30, 2021.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The sum of two hundred thousand dollars,
12 or as much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for the
13 fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, from the general fund to the
14 Washington state institute for public policy for the purpose of
15 conducting a study of the feasibility of providing relevant state
16 employees with comprehensive electronic access to peer-reviewed
17 journals.

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