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By Representatives Mielke, McMorris, Koster, Boldt, Cairnes, Schindler, Crouse, Benson, Dunn, B. Chandler and Mulliken

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1 AN ACT Relating to establishing a no net gain policy in land  
2 ownership by state agencies; and adding a new section to chapter 79.08  
3 RCW.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 79.08 RCW  
6 to read as follows:

7 The state of Washington and all of its agencies and institutions,  
8 including institutions of higher education as defined under RCW  
9 28B.10.016, in the aggregate are subject to a policy of no net gain in  
10 land ownership. Under this policy, the state of Washington may not own  
11 greater combined acreage at the end of any fiscal year than the state  
12 of Washington owned at the beginning of that fiscal year. If a state  
13 agency or institution of higher education acquires land during a fiscal  
14 year by any method, including purchase, gift, transfer, condemnation,  
15 or trade, that agency or institution itself, or another state agency or  
16 institution of higher education, must convey at least an equal amount  
17 of acreage of publicly owned lands to persons or entities other than a

1 state agency or institution of higher education by the end of that  
2 fiscal year.

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