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Sponsor(s): Senate Committee on Natural Resources, Energy & Water
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Brief Description: Concerning the acquisition of land for fish and wildlife habitat. Revised for 1st Substitute: Concerning land acquisition to benefit habitat.

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(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Revises provisions relating to the acquisition of land for fish and wildlife habitat.

Provides that, for any acquisition of property for the purpose of habitat enhancement or preservation, the commission shall make publicly available the following information: (1) The purpose of site acquisition, including a list of species targeted to benefit from the acquisition;

(2) A site habitat assessment that includes existing habitat types and species presence;

(3) An evaluation of the habitat value of the site in relation to other habitat within the watershed;

(4) The anticipated benefits to target species of site habitat preservation or enhancement; and

(5) The proposed public use of the property after acquisition.

Provides that, if matching funds are required as a condition of a grant or appropriation for land acquisition, the local match shall not include a donation by the property owner of any portion of the property to be acquired nor any portion of the value of the property to be acquired regardless of sale price.