
SENATE BILL 6531

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By Senator Haugen

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1 AN ACT Relating to environmental mitigation in highway
2 construction; and adding a new section to chapter 47.01 RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 47.01 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 In the process of reviewing and selecting sites to meet highway
7 construction environmental mitigation requirements under the national
8 environmental policy act (42 U.S.C. Sec. 4321 et seq.) and chapter
9 43.21C RCW, the department shall, to the greatest extent possible,
10 consider using public land first.

11 If public lands are not available that meet the required
12 environmental mitigation needs, the department may use other sites
13 while making every effort to avoid any net loss of agricultural lands
14 that have a designation of long-term commercial significance.

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