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1 AN ACT Relating to implementing efficiencies in the management of
2 the state's natural resources; adding a new chapter to Title 43 RCW;
3 and creating new sections.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The legislature finds that: The state's
6 natural resources agencies have faced significant budget reductions,
7 including administrative reductions, as a result of the great economic
8 challenges faced by the state in recent years; these reductions have
9 required the natural resources agencies to explore potential
10 efficiencies, and resulted in the beginnings of increased collaboration
11 among the agencies; and the state will benefit from continued progress
12 achieving efficiencies in and increased collaboration among the natural
13 resources agencies.

14 (2) Therefore, the legislature intends to establish an ongoing and
15 collaborative process for the natural resources agencies to identify,
16 analyze, and, where appropriate, implement opportunities to achieve
17 efficiencies in or improve the effectiveness of natural resources
18 agency operations and resource management.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) The natural resources agencies shall, in
2 consultation with the office of financial management, develop and
3 effectuate an ongoing process to identify, analyze, and, where
4 appropriate, implement opportunities to achieve efficiencies in or
5 improve the effectiveness of agency operations and resource management.

6 (2) Process outcomes: In developing and effectuating this process,
7 the agencies shall identify and document significant examples of
8 interagency collaboration, office or facility colocation, and sharing
9 or consolidation of administrative functions.

10 (3) Interagency collaboration:

11 (a) In developing and effectuating this process, the agencies shall
12 identify and analyze opportunities to achieve efficiencies in or
13 improve the effectiveness of agency operations and resource management
14 through actions such as interagency collaboration, sharing or
15 consolidation of administrative functions, and other relevant actions
16 identified by the agencies.

17 (b) The agencies shall implement those actions that are consistent
18 with the criteria in (a) of this subsection and reasonably practicable,
19 as determined by the agencies.

20 (4) Office and facility colocation:

21 (a) In developing and effectuating this process, the agencies shall
22 identify and analyze opportunities to achieve efficiencies in or
23 improve the effectiveness of agency operations and resource management
24 through the colocation of offices and facilities.

25 (b) In identifying opportunities for analysis, the agencies shall
26 consider current and future opportunities for colocation resulting from
27 circumstances such as an existing or anticipated office or facility
28 vacancy, lease expiration, or the presence of multiple offices or
29 facilities in a particular geographic area. The agencies may also
30 consider opportunities for colocation with appropriate entities other
31 than natural resources agencies.

32 (c) The agencies shall implement those colocation opportunities
33 that are consistent with the criteria in (a) of this subsection and
34 reasonably practicable, as determined by the agencies. The office of
35 financial management may exercise the authority provided under section
36 3 of this act regarding colocation opportunities.

37 (5) In developing and effectuating this process, the agencies must

1 provide a structure for and maintain regular communication. Each
2 agency must participate in the development and effectuation of the
3 process in a collaborative and, as appropriate, active manner.

4 (6) Consistent with RCW 43.01.036, the agencies must collectively
5 submit a report to the appropriate standing committees of the senate
6 and house of representatives by September 1st of each year. The report
7 must include an update on the process required under this section,
8 opportunities identified and analyzed under the process, outcomes
9 resulting from the process, and any budget or legislative
10 recommendations.

11 (7) For the purposes of this section, the terms "agency" and
12 "natural resources agency" includes the department of agriculture, the
13 department of ecology, the department of fish and wildlife, the
14 department of natural resources, the recreation and conservation
15 office, the Puget Sound partnership, the state conservation commission,
16 and the state parks and recreation commission.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** (1) The office of financial management may
18 identify colocation opportunities for analysis by the agencies under
19 section 2 of this act.

20 (2) If the agencies determine that a colocation opportunity does
21 not meet the criteria for implementation under section 2 of this act,
22 the office of financial management shall review that determination.
23 The director of the office of financial management may require the
24 agencies to reconsider the initial determination or implement the
25 opportunity if the director determines that the opportunity: Meets the
26 criteria for implementation under section 2 of this act; would result
27 in significant cost savings or efficiencies; and is in the best
28 interest of the state.

29 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** The legislature finds that the process
30 required under section 2 of this act consists of a series of activities
31 that are an inherent part of efficient and effective natural resource
32 agency management, and must be conducted within existing resources.

33 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** Sections 2 and 3 of this act constitute a

1 new chapter in Title 43 RCW.

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