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By Senators Parlette, Fraser and Rockefeller

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1 AN ACT Relating to public lands management; and adding a new
2 section to chapter 79A.25 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 79A.25 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) The habitat and recreation lands coordinating group is
7 established. The habitat and recreation lands coordinating group must
8 include representatives from the committee, the state parks and
9 recreation commission, the department of natural resources, and the
10 Washington state department of fish and wildlife. The members of the
11 habitat and recreation lands coordinating group must have subject
12 matter expertise with the issues presented in this section.
13 Representatives from appropriate stakeholder organizations and local
14 government must also be considered for participation on the habitat and
15 recreation lands coordinating group.

16 (2) To ensure timely completion of the duties assigned to the
17 habitat and recreation lands coordinating group, yearly progress
18 reports to either the office of financial management or the director
19 are required.

- 1 (3) The habitat and recreation lands coordinating group must:
- 2 (a) Develop language to amend agency land acquisition, management,
3 and disposal plans and policies to help provide for statewide
4 coordination of habitat and recreation land acquisitions and disposals;
5 (b) Develop standards for producing an interagency, statewide
6 biennial forecast of habitat and recreation land acquisitions and
7 disposals;
- 8 (c) Establish procedures for submitting the biennial acquisition
9 and disposal plans;
- 10 (d) Develop and convene an annual forum for agencies to coordinate
11 their near-term acquisition and disposal plans;
- 12 (e) Develop a recommended standard for interagency geographic
13 information system-based documentation of habitat and recreation lands
14 in cooperation with other state agencies using geographic information
15 systems;
- 16 (f) Standardize acquisition and disposal recordkeeping;
- 17 (g) Identify a preferred process for centralizing acquisition data;
- 18 (h) Develop an approach for monitoring the success of acquisitions;
- 19 (i) Identify and commence a dialogue with key state and federal
20 partners to develop an inventory of potential public lands for transfer
21 into habitat and recreation land management status;
- 22 (j) Review existing and proposed habitat conservation plans on a
23 regular basis to achieve statewide coordination and save costs.
- 24 (4) The committee shall revisit the committee's and Washington
25 wildlife and recreation program's planning requirements to determine
26 whether coordination of state agency habitat and recreation land
27 acquisition and disposal could be improved by modifying those
28 requirements.
- 29 (5) The committee must develop options for centralizing
30 coordination of habitat and recreation land acquisition made with funds
31 from federal grants. The advantages and drawbacks of the following
32 options, at a minimum, must be developed:
- 33 (a) Requiring agencies simply to provide early communication on the
34 status of federal grant applications to the committee, the office of
35 financial management, or directly to the legislature;
- 36 (b) Establishing a centralized pass-through agency for federal

1 funds, where individual agencies would be the primary applicants.

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