
SENATE BILL 5090

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By Senators Regala, Swecker, Fraser, and Chase; by request of Recreation and Conservation Office

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1 AN ACT Relating to the expiration date of the invasive species
2 council and account; amending RCW 79A.25.310 and 79A.25.370; creating
3 a new section; repealing 2007 c 241 s 75 (uncodified); repealing 2006
4 c 152 s 10 (uncodified); and providing an expiration date.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The land, water, and other resources of
7 Washington state are being severely impacted by the invasion of an
8 increasing number of harmful invasive plant and animal species. These
9 impacts are resulting in damage to the state's environment and causing
10 economic hardships. The multitude of public and private organizations
11 with an interest and authority in controlling and preventing the spread
12 of harmful invasive species in Washington state need a mechanism for
13 cooperation, communication, collaboration, and implementation of the
14 statewide plan of action to combat these threats.

15 **Sec. 2.** RCW 79A.25.310 and 2007 c 241 s 61 are each amended to
16 read as follows:

17 (1) There is created the Washington invasive species council to
18 exist until (~~December 31, 2011~~) June 30, 2017. Staff support to the

1 council shall be provided by the recreation and conservation office and
2 from the agencies represented on the council. For administrative
3 purposes, the council shall be located within the office.

4 (2) The purpose of the council is to provide policy level
5 direction, planning, and coordination for combating harmful invasive
6 species throughout the state and preventing the introduction of others
7 that may be potentially harmful.

8 (3) The council is a joint effort between local, tribal, state, and
9 federal governments, as well as the private sector and nongovernmental
10 interests. The purpose of the council is to foster cooperation,
11 communication, and coordinated approaches that support local, state,
12 and regional initiatives for the prevention and control of invasive
13 species.

14 (4) For the purposes of this chapter, "invasive species" include
15 nonnative organisms that cause economic or environmental harm and are
16 capable of spreading to new areas of the state. "Invasive species"
17 does not include domestic livestock, intentionally planted agronomic
18 crops, or nonharmful exotic organisms.

19 **Sec. 3.** RCW 79A.25.370 and 2007 c 241 s 62 are each amended to
20 read as follows:

21 (1) The invasive species council account is created in the custody
22 of the state treasurer. All receipts from appropriations, gifts,
23 grants, and donations must be deposited into the account. Expenditures
24 from the account may be used only to carry out the purposes of the
25 council. The account is subject to allotment procedures under chapter
26 43.88 RCW and the approval of the director of the recreation and
27 conservation office is required for expenditures. All expenditures
28 must be directed by the council.

29 (2) This section expires June 30, 2017.

30 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** The following acts or parts of acts are
31 repealed:

- 32 (1) 2007 c 241 s 75 (uncodified); and
- 33 (2) 2006 c 152 s 10 (uncodified).

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