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Governor of the State of Washington

CERTIFICATE

I, Bernard Dean, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1010** as passed by House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

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Chief Clerk

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By House Environment (originally sponsored by Representatives Shea, Taylor, Holy, Short, McCaslin, Pike, Haler, and Young)

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1 AN ACT Relating to directing the department of ecology to submit
2 an annual report to the legislature detailing the department's
3 participation in interagency agreements; amending RCW 43.21A.150; and
4 creating a new section.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that department of
7 ecology pursues its mission of environmental protection within a
8 complicated framework of national, state, and local authorities and
9 responsibilities, and that the department of ecology's roles within
10 this framework are not always readily intelligible to the public.
11 Furthermore, the legislature finds that promoting the transparency of
12 department of ecology activities will bolster the understanding and
13 trust in the agency held by legislators and the Washingtonians they
14 represent. Therefore, it is the intent of the legislature to require
15 the department of ecology to maintain a list of the department's
16 participation in interagency agreements on its web site for the
17 purposes of improving public understanding of the extent and
18 implications of those agreements.

19 **Sec. 2.** RCW 43.21A.150 and 1970 ex.s. c 62 s 15 are each amended
20 to read as follows:

1 (1) The director, whenever it is lawful and feasible to do so,
2 shall consult and cooperate with the federal government, as well as
3 with other states and Canadian provinces, in the study and control of
4 environmental problems. On behalf of the department, the director is
5 authorized to accept, receive, disburse, and administer grants or
6 other funds or gifts from any source, including private individuals
7 or agencies, the federal government, and other public agencies, for
8 the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this chapter.

9 (2)(a) Beginning December 31, 2017, the director must list on the
10 department's web site information regarding the current interagency
11 agreements to which the department is a party or in which the
12 department is a participant.

13 (b) The list must identify each agreement, the type of agreement,
14 parties to the agreement, the effective date of the agreement, and a
15 brief description of the agreement. The list must include all
16 interagency agreements involving the department and other state
17 agencies, local governments, special purpose districts, the federal
18 government and federal government agencies, and the agencies of other
19 states.

20 (c) For the initial list, the department must by December 31,
21 2017, list all grant agreements and federal agreements where
22 information is readily extractable from the department's data
23 systems. For those data systems that, because of their age, require
24 programming support to extract and format data for publishing to the
25 internet, the department must complete listing the required
26 information according to the following schedule:

27 (i) By June 30, 2018, all contract, loan, and grant agreements;
28 (ii) By December 31, 2018, all agreements pertaining to funds
29 receivable for work performed by the department, leases, and
30 nonfinancial interagency agreements.

31 (d) Beginning December 1, 2018, the department must annually
32 update the web site to include new interagency agreements that the
33 department has entered into and must identify the agreements that
34 have been updated within the past year.

35 (e) For the purposes of this section, the term "interagency
36 agreement" includes but is not limited to memoranda of understanding,
37 grant contracts, and advisory or nonbinding agreements.

38 (f) For purposes of this section, the information posted on the
39 department's web site is considered to function as a report to the

- 1 legislature because the report acts as a mechanism of keeping the
- 2 legislature apprised of the department's interagency agreements.

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