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By Representatives Stanford, Orcutt, Ryu, Warnick, Maxwell, Blake, Upthegrove, Lytton, MacEwen, Van De Wege, Haigh, and Tharinger; by request of Department of Natural Resources

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1 AN ACT Relating to clarifying the department of natural resources'
2 authority to enter into cooperative agreements; and amending RCW
3 79.10.130.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 79.10.130 and 2003 c 334 s 540 are each amended to
6 read as follows:

7 (1) The department is hereby authorized to carry out all activities
8 necessary to achieve the purposes of RCW 79.10.060, 79.10.070,
9 79.10.100 through 79.10.120, 79.10.130, 79.10.200 through 79.10.330,
10 79.44.003, and ~~((79.90.456,))~~ 79.105.050 including, but not limited to:

11 ~~((+1))~~ (a) Planning, construction, and operation of conservation,
12 recreational sites, areas, roads, and trails, by itself or in
13 conjunction with any public agency, nonprofit organization, volunteer,
14 or volunteer organization, including entering cooperative agreements
15 for these purposes;

16 ~~((+2))~~ (b) Planning, construction, and operation of special
17 facilities for educational, scientific, conservation, or experimental
18 purposes by itself or in conjunction with any other public or private
19 agency, including entering cooperative agreements for these purposes;

1 ~~((3))~~ (c) Improvement of any lands to achieve the purposes of RCW
2 79.10.060, 79.10.070, 79.10.100 through 79.10.120, 79.10.130, 79.10.200
3 through 79.10.330, 79.44.003, and ~~((79.90.456))~~ 79.105.050, including
4 entering cooperative agreements with public agencies, nonprofit
5 organizations, volunteers, and volunteer organizations for these
6 purposes;

7 ~~((4) Cooperation with public and private agencies in the~~
8 ~~utilization of such lands for watershed purposes;~~

9 (5)) (d) Entering cooperative agreements with public agencies,
10 nonprofit organizations, volunteers, and volunteer organizations
11 regarding the use of lands managed by the department for the purpose of
12 providing a benefit to lands managed by the department, including but
13 not limited to the following benefits: The utilization of such lands
14 for watershed purposes; carrying out restoration and enhancement
15 projects on such lands, such as improving, restoring, or enhancing
16 habitat that provides for plant or animal species protection;
17 improving, restoring, or enhancing watershed conditions; removing
18 nonnative vegetation and providing vegetation management to restore,
19 enhance, or maintain properly functioning conditions of the local
20 ecosystem; and other similar projects on these lands that provide long-
21 term environmental and other land management benefits, provided that
22 the cooperative agreements are consistent with land management
23 obligations;

24 (e) Authorizing individual volunteers and volunteer organizations
25 to conduct restoration and enhancement projects on lands managed by the
26 department through cooperative agreements authorized in this section or
27 other arrangements that are consistent with land management obligations
28 and that do not require the volunteers to pay a fee for the cooperative
29 agreement purpose;

30 (f) Authorizing the receipt of gifts of personal property,
31 services, and other items of value for the purposes of this section, as
32 well as the exchange of consideration in cooperative agreements
33 authorized under this section;

34 (g) The authority to make such leases, contracts, agreements, or
35 other arrangements as are necessary to accomplish the purposes of RCW
36 79.10.060, 79.10.070, 79.10.100 through 79.10.120, 79.10.130, 79.10.200
37 through 79.10.330, 79.44.003, and ~~((79.90.456))~~ 79.105.050. However,
38 nothing in this section shall affect any existing requirements for

1 public bidding or auction with private agencies or parties, except that
2 agreements or other arrangements may be made with public schools,
3 colleges, universities, governmental agencies, (~~and~~) nonprofit
4 (~~scientific and educational associations~~) organizations, volunteers,
5 and volunteer organizations.

6 (2) The definitions in this subsection apply throughout this
7 section unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

8 (a) "Nonprofit organization" means: (i) Any organization described
9 in section 501(c)(3) of the internal revenue code of 1986 (26 U.S.C.
10 Sec. 501(c)(3)) and exempt from tax under section 501(a) of the
11 internal revenue code; or (ii) any not-for-profit organization that is
12 organized and conducted for public benefit and operated primarily for
13 charitable, civic, educational, religious, welfare, or health purposes.

14 (b) "Volunteer" or "volunteer organization" means an individual or
15 entity performing services for a nonprofit organization or a
16 governmental entity who does not receive compensation, other than
17 reasonable reimbursement or allowances for expenses actually incurred,
18 or any other thing of value, in excess of five hundred dollars per
19 year. "Volunteer" includes a volunteer serving as a director, officer,
20 trustee, or direct service volunteer.

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