AN ACT Relating to the preservation of Mt. Si and Little Si; creating new sections; and making an appropriation.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

NEW SECTION. Section 1. Mt. Si and Little Si offer unique scenic and geological features which can be viewed from the I-90 highway. They also afford outstanding recreational opportunities enjoyed by the citizens of this state and tourists alike. Therefore, the legislature declares this area to be one of state-wide significance. It further recognizes the importance of safeguarding this area from those types of development which would alter its natural form and beauty.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. The state parks and recreation commission and the department of natural resources are directed jointly to undertake a study and complete a report regarding methods for safeguarding the natural form, beauty, and recreational values of Mt. Si and Little Si. Both agencies shall coordinate and cooperate with private interests and federal, state, and local government interests, and shall determine the ownerships, proposed boundaries, acquisition cost, and a management plan for those lands determined in the report to be necessary for safeguarding the scenic, geological, and recreational values described in section 1 of this act. The completed report shall be presented to the senate and house committees on parks and recreation by December 31, 1976.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. There is hereby appropriated five thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, from the state general fund to complete the study directed in section 2 of this act, such sum to be divided equally by the department of natural resources and the state parks and recreation commission, and to be available on the effective date of this act.

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