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BAS Report

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Proposed No.: 2019-0143

1 **AMENDMENT TO PROPOSED ORDINANCE 2019-0143, VERSION 2**

2 Beginning on page 114, after line 2309, insert:

3 "SECTION 37. A. The executive shall transmit a report that establishes local best
4 available science for wetlands in unincorporated King County in compliance with chapter
5 365-195 of the WAC and that recommends any changes to wetland protections to reflect
6 local best available science. The report shall:

7 1. Characterize wetlands in King County through an evaluation of the function,
8 sensitivity and health of wetlands in unincorporated King County;

9 2. Review of the existing science pertaining to wetlands in King County,
10 including work completed by the Snoqualmie fish, farm, flood advisory committee;

11 3. Provide information on how disturbances caused by development activity and
12 land uses in King County affect the functions of wetlands;

13 4. Develop wetland protections that consider best available science, such as
14 buffer widths, permitted alterations and compensatory mitigation;

15 5. Discuss innovative wetland protection alternatives such as buffer averaging,
16 variable buffer widths or smart buffers that allow flexibility in land use and site design
17 while maximizing ecological benefits; and

18 6. Analyze cumulative protection and impacts resulting from wetland
19 protections.

20 B. The report and a motion accepting the report shall be transmitted to the council
21 by December 31, 2020, in the form of a paper original and an electronic copy to the clerk
22 of the council, who shall retain the original and provide an electronic copy to all
23 councilmembers, the council chief of staff, the chief policy officer, and the lead for the
24 local services, regional roads and bridges committee, or its successor."

25 Renumber the remaining sections consecutively and correct any internal
26 references accordingly.

27 **EFFECT:** Adds a reporting requirement for establishing local best available science for
28 wetlands and their buffers to assure consistency of the shoreline master program with
29 development regulations adopted under chapter 36.70A RCW.