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By Representatives Scott, Manweller, Holy, Hayes, Haler, and Shea

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1 AN ACT Relating to understanding the effects on the value of
2 private property by the department of ecology's administrative
3 actions to establish instream flow rules; creating a new section; and
4 providing an expiration date.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The Washington state institute for
7 public policy must, either directly or through contract with a third
8 party with expertise in economic analysis, produce a report to the
9 legislature that estimates the loss in value of private property in
10 the state that is a direct or proximate result of the inability to
11 access water and develop land because of instream flow rules adopted
12 by the department of ecology.

13 (2) The Washington state institute for public policy may conduct
14 the study required by this section, or have the study conducted,
15 using any effective economic analysis available to estimate the
16 consequences on landowners and local governments of adopted instream
17 flow rules, including any appropriate differences-in-differences
18 analysis.

19 (3) The study required by this section may be limited to
20 representative regional analyses, as opposed to a statewide analysis,

1 if the time and budget for the study is found by the institute to
2 limit the effectiveness or accuracy of a statewide analysis.

3 (4) The study required by this section must be completed by
4 December 31, 2018.

5 (5) This section expires July 31, 2019.

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