

2 **SHB 2449** - S COMM AMD  
3 By Committee on Ecology & Parks

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5 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the  
6 following:

7 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) A legislative joint select committee on  
8 water resources is created. The committee shall be composed of eight  
9 members appointed as follows:

10 (a) Four members of the house of representatives appointed by the  
11 speaker of the house, two from each political party caucus in the house  
12 of representatives; and

13 (b) Four members of the senate appointed by the president of the  
14 senate, two from each political party caucus in the senate.

15 (2) From among its members, the committee shall elect cochairs, one  
16 who is a member of the house of representatives and one who is a member  
17 of the senate.

18 (3) The committee shall examine the following subjects relating to  
19 water transfers, hydraulic continuity, and relinquishment of water  
20 rights:

21 (a) Methods to encourage voluntary water rights transfers,  
22 including incentives and streamlining of administrative procedures for  
23 the approval of transfers;

24 (b) Standards and procedures that should apply to different types  
25 of transfers, including temporary, permanent, and seasonal transfers,  
26 changes in the nature and location of use, and consideration of impacts  
27 to existing rights, communities in the origin of the water use, and  
28 upon streamflows;

29 (c) Standards and procedures for the protection of existing rights  
30 and streamflows in considering hydraulic continuity between ground  
31 water and surface water in reviewing applications for new water uses,  
32 or water use changes or transfers; and

33 (d) Standards and procedures for determining whether a water right  
34 or portion of a water right has been relinquished.

35 (4) In conducting its review the committee shall provide for public  
36 comment and shall conduct its meeting in various locations around the

1 state to facilitate public participation. The committee shall solicit  
2 the views and technical assistance of water resource experts in water  
3 resource disciplines.

4 (5) The committee shall make its preliminary recommendations to the  
5 appropriate committees of the house of representatives and the senate  
6 by December 31, 1996, including a work plan to fully address the  
7 subjects specified in subsection (3) of this section. The work plan  
8 shall place a priority upon addressing the water transfer subjects of  
9 subsection (1)(a) and (b) of this section, followed by consideration of  
10 the subjects in subsection (1)(c) and (d) of this section within  
11 available time and resources.

12 (6) The committee's final report and recommendations for  
13 legislation shall be submitted to the appropriate committees of the  
14 house of representatives and the senate by December 31, 1997.

15 (7) Staff support for the committee shall be provided by the office  
16 of program research in the house of representatives and by senate  
17 committee services.

18 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** If specific funding to the house and senate  
19 in an amount of at least thirty thousand dollars, referencing this act  
20 by bill or chapter number, is not provided by June 30, 1996, in the  
21 omnibus appropriations act, this act is null and void.

22 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act shall expire December 31, 1997."

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26 On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "management;" strike the  
27 remainder of the title and insert "creating new sections; and providing  
28 an expiration date."

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