

2339-S2

Sponsor(s): House Committee on Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives Thompson, Mulliken, Pennington, Gardner, Romero, Chopp, Anderson, Boldt and Lantz)

Brief Title: Authorizing wetlands mitigation banking.

**HB 2339-S2.E - DIGEST**

(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Declares that the purpose of this act is to support the establishment of mitigation banks by: (1) Authorizing state agencies and local governments, as well as private entities, to achieve the goals of this chapter; and

(2) providing a predictable, efficient, regulatory framework, including timely review of mitigation bank proposals.

Declares it is not the intent to create any new authority for regulating wetlands or wetlands banks beyond what is specifically provided for in this act.

Declares an intent that, in the development and adoption of rules for banks, the department establish and use a collaborative process involving interested public and private entities.

Provides that the act shall be null and void if appropriations are not approved.