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Sponsor(s): Senators Swecker, Loveland, Anderson, Stevens, Haugen, Prince, Hale, Franklin, Sheldon, Benton, Rasmussen and Zarelli

Brief Title: Permitting expedited flood damage repairs during flooding emergencies.

**SB 5442 - DIGEST**

(SUBSTITUTED FOR - SEE 2ND SUB)

Declares an intent of this act to streamline state regulatory requirements, encourage cooperative emergency response efforts, and provide additional funding for local flood prevention and dredging programs.

Provides that the department shall, at the request of a county, develop five-year maintenance approval agreements, consistent with comprehensive flood control management plans adopted under the authority of RCW 86.12.200, to allow for work on public and private property for bank stabilization, bridge repair, removal of sand bars and debris, channel maintenance, and other flood damage repair and reduction activity under agreed-upon conditions and times without obtaining permits for specific projects.

Increases the money to be transferred to the flood control assistance account from four to ten million dollars for the biennium.