

6156-S

Sponsor(s): Senate Committee on Natural Resources & Parks
(originally sponsored by Senators Swecker, Fraser and Spanel; by
request of Department of Natural Resources)

Brief Title: Studying methods for calculating water-dependent lease
rates on state-owned aquatic lands.

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(SUBSTITUTED FOR - SEE 2ND SUB)

Directs the department of natural resources to study and
prepare a report to the legislature on alternatives to the current
method for determination of water-dependent rent set forth in RCW
79.90.480. The report shall be prepared with the assistance of
appropriate outside economic expertise and stakeholder involvement.

Provides that, for each alternative, the report shall: (1)
Describe each method and the costs and benefits of each;
(2) compare each with the current method of calculating rents;
(3) provide the private industry perspective;
(4) describe the public perspective;
(5) analyze the impact on state lease revenue; and
(6) evaluate the ease of administration.

Requires the report to be presented to the legislature by
November 1, 1998, with the recommendations of the department
clearly identified. The department's recommendations shall include
draft legislation as necessary for implementation of its
recommendations.

Makes an appropriation of one hundred fifty thousand dollars
to carry out the purposes of the act.