

6363-S2

Sponsor(s): Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Swecker and Oke)

Brief Title: Eliminating fish passage barriers.

SB 6363-S2 - DIGEST

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 2ND SUBSTITUTE)

Finds and declares that: (1) There are over two thousand barriers to fish passage at road crossings throughout the state, blocking fish access to as much as three thousand linear miles of freshwater spawning and rearing habitat;

(2) correcting barriers to fish passage can be a cost-effective way of restoring habitat for threatened and endangered salmon and steelhead populations; and

(3) there is a need to address known priority barriers immediately, and over time, develop a comprehensive system to inventory and prioritize barriers on a state-wide basis.