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1 AN ACT Relating to water storage; creating a new section; and
2 making an appropriation.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) There is created the task force on water
5 storage. The purpose of the task force is to examine the role of
6 increased water storage in providing water supplies to meet the needs
7 of fish, population growth, and economic development, and to enhance
8 the protection of people's lives and their property and the protection
9 of aquatic habitat through flood control facilities. For this purpose,
10 increased storage may be in the form of surface or underground storage
11 or the enlargement or enhancement of existing structures. The task
12 force shall also examine means of providing funding for increased water
13 storage.

14 (2) The task force shall be composed of the following:

15 (a) A representative of the department of agriculture, appointed by
16 the director of the department;

17 (b) A representative of the department of community, trade, and
18 economic development, appointed by the director of the department;

1 (c) A representative of the department of ecology, appointed by the
2 director of the department;

3 (d) A representative of the department of fish and wildlife,
4 appointed by the director of the department;

5 (e) A representative of the department of health, appointed by the
6 secretary of the department;

7 (f) A representative of the governor's salmon recovery office,
8 appointed by the governor;

9 (g) A representative of conservation districts, appointed by the
10 Washington association of conservation districts;

11 (h) Two representatives of irrigation districts, one representing
12 a district within a federal reclamation project and one representing a
13 district that is outside of such a project, appointed by a state
14 association of irrigation districts authorized by RCW 87.76.020;

15 (i) Two representatives of cities, one representing a city located
16 west of the crest of the Cascade mountains and one representing a city
17 located east of the crest of the Cascade mountains, appointed by the
18 association of Washington cities. Of these two representatives, one
19 shall represent a city with a relatively large population and one shall
20 represent a city with a relatively small population;

21 (j) Two representatives of counties, one representing a county
22 located west of the crest of the Cascade mountains and one representing
23 a county located east of the crest of the Cascade mountains, appointed
24 by the Washington state association of counties. Of these two
25 representatives, one shall represent a county with a relatively large
26 population and one shall represent a county with a relatively small
27 population;

28 (k) A representative of a municipal water purveyor that provides
29 residential water to a relatively large population, but that is not a
30 division or other part of city government, appointed by the secretary
31 of health from a list or lists of nominees submitted by state-wide
32 associations of such purveyors;

33 (l) Four members of the house of representatives, two from each of
34 the major caucuses in the house of representatives, appointed by the
35 co-speakers of the house of representatives; and

36 (m) Four members of the senate, two from each of the major caucuses
37 in the senate, appointed by the president of the senate.

38 (3) The department of ecology shall provide staff support for the
39 task force and the director of the department of ecology shall convene

1 the first meeting of the task force not less than thirty days after the
2 effective date of this section.

3 (4) No member of the task force shall receive compensation, per
4 diem, or reimbursement of expenses from the task force or the
5 department of ecology for his or her activities as a member of the task
6 force. However, each may receive such compensation, per diem, and/or
7 reimbursement as is authorized by the entity he or she is employed by,
8 is appointed from, or represents on the task force.

9 (5) Following its examination, the task force shall report its
10 recommendations to the appropriate committees of the legislature by
11 December 31, 2000.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The sum of one hundred fifty thousand
13 dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for
14 the biennium ending June 30, 2001, from the general fund to the
15 department of ecology for the purposes of this act.

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